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DAYLIGHT RAID ON COLOGNE

Heavy Attack By Blenheims

Direct Hits On Power Stations

THE R.A.F. CARRIED OUT extensive operations over Northern France and Germany in daylight yesterday, it was learned in London last night.

These operations included the bombing of a power station near Bethune and railway communications near St. Omer by Hampden bombers escorted by fighters, and an attack on objectives in Cologne by several squadrons of Blenheims.

People on the south-east coast of England watched another armada of British 'planes returning across the Channel yesterday afternoon.

The aircraft were prominently outlined against masses of white cloud towering above the cliffs of Northern France.

They had flown out at intervals for over an hour, flying at a great height.

The activity indicated big operations following R.A.F. night raids on three cities of the industrial Ruhr, in western Germany.

Daylight Raid On Cologne

It was announced in London that British bombers raided Cologne in daylight yesterday.

R.A.F. machines passed over the south-east coast of England all day without a stop to Northern France and objectives much further inland.

Bombers and fighters, flying very high, swept over in "V" and "diamond" formations. Crowds watched this endless procession and listened to the continuous heavy roar which continued into the late afternoon.

Twenty 'Planes Lost

During yesterday's daylight raids, in which fighters escorted the bombers as far as Antwerp, the R.A.F. lost 12 bombers and eight fighters.

Bombers penetrated 150 miles into Germany, scoring direct hits on power stations at Quadrat and Knapsack, which are Cologne's two power stations.

Flying Fortresses attacked aerodromes at De Kooy and objectives at Cologne and the port of Emden.—Reuter.

Portugal Gets Relief

The United States Treasury yesterday unfroze Portuguese assets in the United States.

A statement says the licence was issued after Portugal "gave the appropriate assurance to this Government."

The order of June 14, freezing foreign assets, was accompanied by a Presidential statement promising Portugal and five other countries exemptions whenever they undertook not to use the exemptions to help the Axis.

Russia, Switzerland, Spain and Sweden had since received similar exemptions but not yet Finland.

The general licence exempts the Portuguese Government and its central bank and Portuguese nationals under certain conditions from the Roosevelt freezing order of June 14.

Portuguese assets in the United States are estimated at about $160,000,000.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT SAIGON

More units of the Japanese fleet entered Saigon harbour, in south French Indo-China, on Monday, says a Tokyo announcement.

Lt.-Gen. Shojiro Iida, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in French Indo-China, yesterday conferred with Vice-Admiral Seiichi Niimi, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Fleet in Indo-China waters.

The conference took place on board a warship in Saigon harbour.—Reuter.

Patent Absurdity Of Peace Canard

It was officially denied in London yesterday that there is any truth whatsoever in a statement emanating from America and attributed to Senator Schaffer that Lord Beaverbrook notified the authorities in the United States that Britain will negotiate peace with Germany unless the United States enters the war within 30 days.

In Washington yesterday, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, termed the latest rumour that Britain may come to peace as "a patent absurdity," according to a Dow Jones message.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER N.C.O. DIES OF INJURIES: 11 IN HOSPITAL

DENNIS EDWARD SMITH, 22, Bombardier in 1st Battery, Corps Artillery, H.K.V.D.C., died at 7.10 this morning as the result of injuries received when an Army lorry plunged some 30 feet down the hillside from Cape d'Aguilar Road last night.

Eleven other members of 1st Battery are still in hospital with injuries. Most serious of these is L/Bdr. Buckingham, whose condition was stated this morning to be "still serious."

The condition of the others was stated at Queen Mary Hospital this morning to be fair.

Among those injured was L/Bdr. Roscoe, of the Royal Artillery, who was driving the vehicle. He is now in the Bowen Road Military Hospital.

The accident occurred half way from the Shek-O Road junction and the Cape D'Aguilar Wireless Station while the men were on their way home from exercises.

ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS, GUNNER LAWSON, HAD A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH. HE WAS THROWN SOME 10 FEET INTO THE AIR WHEN THE LORRY CRASHED DOWN THE EMBANKMENT, BUT LANDED ON THE HILLSIDE WITHOUT AS MUCH AS A BRUISE OR SCRATCH.

With the exception of L/Bdr. Roscoe those involved in the ac-

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JAPAN AND THE SOVIET

"Japan and the Soviet Union are conducting their affairs in an atmosphere of quiet trust and accommodation," wrote yesterday's "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper referred to the "repeated denials" of M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, which "should convince the world that Soviet-Japanese relations are not complicated by any ultimatum demands."

Such unfounded rumours reflect the nervous state of public opinion, says the paper which adds that the two nations are just now occupied with their several problems on other fronts, and for them even vaguely to consider such possibilities as have been mentioned by "unhealthy and subversive publicity, can only add to the difficulties confronting the world."—Reuter.

HUGE NEW AIR BASES

TWO HUGE AIR BASES, COSTING APPROXIMATELY $5,500,000, ARE BEING ESTABLISHED AT MAINE, NEAR THE NEW BRUNSWICK BORDER, TO SERVE AS FERRYING POINTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF BOMBERS AND OTHER WARPLANES TO BRITAIN.

The bases will be at Presque Isle and Houlton. The runways at Presque Isle will exceed a mile in length.

It is understood British aviation representatives will be included among many officers to be assigned to the bases.—Reuter.

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—AND *THEN* TRY!

RETURNED IN FULL MEASURE

Germany Bombed More Heavily Than Britain

BERLIN BOMBED BY SOVIET

In the Soviet air raid on Berlin during the night of August 11/12, says Moscow radio, high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

All the Russian 'planes returned to their bas..

A Russian bomber reported missing on the previous night was traced and has now also returned.

Moscow Raided

German bombers on Monday night bombed military installations in Moscow and several important railway junctions, according to an official German communique yesterday.

Large fires and violent explosions were caused in railway installations.

Operations on the eastern front are continuing favourably the communique adds.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S NEW WEAPON

A new Russian weapon was reported yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper "Social Demokraten" dealing with operations on the Finnish front.

A correspondent states that shells filled with petrol burst, igniting forests.

The ensuing artillery barrage prevents the enemy troops from extinguishing the fires.

Many of the Finnish wounded have been suffering from terrible burns.—Reuter.

LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT

GENERAL ROMMEL, IN COMMAND OF GERMAN FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA, HAS ISSUED AN ORDER OF THE DAY HIGHLY PRAISING THE EXPLOITS OF THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI REGIMENT AND CALLING ON OTHER ITALIAN UNITS TO EMULATE ITS FINE EXAMPLE.

IT IS THOUGHT IN CAIRO THAT THE ITALIANS MUST FEEL CHAGRINED WHEN THEY READ THE ORDER BECAUSE THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI WAS PRACTICALLY ENTIRELY WIPED OUT RECENTLY BY THE BRITISH NEAR TOBRUK.—REUTER.

R.A.F. CASUALTIES

THE FOLLOWING NAMES APPEAR IN THE LATEST CASUALTY LIST ISSUED BY THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY:—

Sergeant S. R. Rishworth, of Simla, killed in action while flying in operations against the enemy.

Sergeant K. E. Corrie, born in Calcutta, and

Acting Flight-Lt. H. C. Hilton, of Dagshai, posted as missing.—Reuter.

Two Thousand Tons Dropped On Ruhr Districts

(By Reuter's Air Commentator)

THOUGH COLOGNE HAS BEEN RAIDED ALMOST 100 TIMES DURING THE WAR YESTERDAY'S DAYLIGHT ATTACK BY BLENHEIMS — DESCRIBED AS POSSIBLY THE STRONGEST DAYLIGHT ATTACK YET MADE ON GERMANY — WAS ONLY THE THIRD ATTACK OUT OF HOURS OF DARKNESS MADE ON COLOGNE SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES.

It is pointed out in London that an attack such as yesterday's entails a journey over more enemy and enemy-occupied territory than any other yet attempted in daylight, and the weight of bombs must have been very considerable.

More sidelights on the punishment the R.A.F. is inflicting on Germany were reflected yesterday when it was declared in an authoritative quarter that the R.A.F. has bombed Germany this summer just as heavily as Britain was bombed last winter — and this in spite of the fewer hours of darkness available.

German communiques, it was pointed out, make a regular practice of referring to "single British aircraft," and "weak forces," and these expressions are used irrespective of whether the R.A.F.'s visitation is comprised of three, 30 or 300 or more aircraft—and forces of 300 British raiding aircraft are now by no means uncommon.

2,000 Tons

In just over three weeks during June and July of this year over 2,000 tons of bombs fell on the Ruhr.

IN ADDITION TO THIS IN THE SAME PERIOD COLOGNE RECEIVED 1,000 TONS AND BREMEN 500.

Night after night, without ceasing, 200 British bombers or more visited Germany and this number is slowly but surely mounting.

The German bombers which attacked Coventry last winter carried one ton or at most one and a half tons of high explosive.

Powerful Blows

The new British bombers carry five, six or seven tons each and these bombers are coming into service in large numbers.

It is emphasised that a raid by 100 such machines would be heavier than any raid yet made on England.

Moreover, the new British bombs, besides being bigger, are more powerful than any German counterpart—a 2,000-lb. bomb is now described only as "medium."

The last month of serious raids on Britain was April—the Germans claimed it as a record, but in June the R.A.F. dropped a greater tonnage on Germany than fell on Britain in April.

Berlin is difficult to raid in the short summer nights but nearly 100 tons of bombs were dropped there recently in one night.

Cannot Take It

An American citizen who was there said: "People in Berlin are so different from the British. Berliners cannot take it. They were all running about like rabbits and everything was disorganised.

"EVERY GERMAN ACCOUNT OF A HEAVY RAID ON BRITAIN CAUSES A GREAT WAVE OF APPREHENSION ALL OVER WESTERN GERMANY AND EVEN MORE IN BERLIN."

Of Cologne, this American said: "For four nights there was no sleep for anyone.

"Five very heavy bombs fell on the main railway station, almost wiping it out, and very great numbers were killed."

In public places and on the walls of damaged buildings the following inscription is appearing more and more frequently: "We thank our Fuehrer for this."—Reuter.

SUEZ CANAL ZONE AGAIN RAIDED

The Suez Canal Zone was raided on Monday night by German 'planes. Eight were killed and 13 injured.

At Alexandria the casualties were four killed and eight slightly injured.—Reuter.

Dyaks To Defend Borneo

Former head-hunting Dyaks and other Malays are being recruited for the defence of Borneo.

They are being banded into an internal security military force and are to be known as the "Sarawak Rangers."

Besides defending the territories of the White Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke, they will operate in Brunei and Labuan and as such should form a useful addition to the military forces already stationed in these territories.

The new force, active recruiting for which has already begun, will be under the command of Major G. S. J. Pelger, formerly of the Sarawk Civil Service.—Reuter.

HESITANT STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was inclined to hesitate awaiting Japanese and Ukraine developments but leading industrials continued a good feature especially tobaccos. Shippings were also firm yesterday, with P. and O. 9d higher at 27/6. Gilt-edged occasionally were a shade lower and home rails, oils, rubbers and tins easier. Kaffirs were idle and slightly reactionary but Japanese bonds rallied. Brazilians were also higher while Argentine rails continued firm.—Reuter.

OPPONENTS OF BILL DEFEATED

The U.S. House of Representatives, by 185 votes to 146, yesterday defeated an attempt to make an extension of military service on a voluntary basis, says Reuter from Washington.

FINLAND CALL-UP

All men born in 1922 in Finland and liable for military service have been asked to report to the local military authorities for examination between September 1 and 20, says a Helsinki telegram to Berlin quoted by Reuter.

LABOUR LEADERS RESTIVE

The two Labour representatives on the Australian War Council, Mr. Evatt and Mr. Beasley, yesterday warned the Labour Party to prepare to take over the Government of Australia.

Mr. Evatt agreed that an election must be avoided at the present time, but added that "Parliament must respond to the rising tide of public opinion against the Menzies Government." People were dissatisfied with the "bottlenecks at home in a vital department."

Referring to the proposal that Mr. Menzies should go to London, Mr. Evatt said "It is not a question whether he shou'd go to London, but whether he should go to London as Prime Minister." If the situation was as serious as was suggested, the Prime Minister's place was in Australia, he added.—Reuter.

GENERAL TOJO AT IMPERIAL PALACE

General Tojo, the War Minister, saw the Emperor in Tokyo yesterday morning and had an 80-minutes interview.

Admiral Toyoda, the Foreign Minister, is expected to receive foreign correspondents soon, when he is expected to make a statement of Japan's foreign policy.—Reuter.

TWO FAMOUS BRITISH "ACES" AMONG MISSING

WING-COMMANDER Douglas Robert Bader, the famous legless pilot, who despite his physical handicap won the highest R.A.F. honours, was yesterday reported missing.

Bader holds the D.S.O. and bar and the D.F.C. It is believed he personally destroyed more than 15 aircraft.

He led many sweeps over France, and during the Battle of Britain led a Canadian squadron with marked success.

Bader, who was a great sportsman and a famous stunt pilot, lost his legs following a flying crash 10 years ago.

Determined to return to the air he learned to play golf, tennis and squash with metal legs. He showed he still had old flying skill and entered civil aviation.

On the outbreak of war he saw a Medical Board and "argued" his way back into the R.A.F. He is aged 31 — ten years more than most fighter pilots.

Second "Ace" Missing

Another British ace fighter pilot was also reported missing yesterday.

He is Acting Flight-Lt. Eric Stanley Lock, aged 21, who was awarded the D.S.O. and the D.F.C. with bar by the King all at one time.

A NATIVE OF SHREWSBURY HE WAS CREDITED WITH HAVING SHOT DOWN OVER 30 GERMAN AIRCRAFT — NINE IN ONE WEEK.

He left hospital in April after being there three months with severe wounds after being himself shot down in flames.—Reuter.

GERMAN WAR DRIVE

GERMANY IS CONSCRIPTING NOT ONLY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN, BUT ALSO BOYS AND GIRLS IN THEIR EARLY TEENS, FOR MUNITION FACTORIES.

The Lisbon correspondent of the "Daily Express" says: "During the summer holidays, High School children will be drafted into factories to perform repetitive tasks for a token payment.

"The Nazis are using even Jewish men and women for a more productive war drive, resulting in a slackening of anti-Semitic propaganda. The Jews, however, are getting only two-thirds of the money paid to Aryans."

NO CHANGE

A five-word communique issued from British G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday reported: "No change in the situation."—Reuter.

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German Civilian Morale Shaken By Food Shortages

AND STEADY POUNDING BY R.A.F.

THE NEW YORK COLUMNISTS, LAZREEF AND ROOT, IN THEIR COLUMN SAY THAT NAZI LABOUR LEADER LEY HAS SENT HITLER A MEMORANDUM ON THE LOW GERMAN MORALE, THE REASON BEING THE LACK OF FOOD AND INCESSANT BOMBARDMENT.

They continue: "In Thuringia and Saxony there has been no other food for two months than bread and potatoes. There is no meat and no fats and no butter.

"In the Rhineland there are no more vegetables, and the same is true of Alsace.

"Yet these are precisely the regions which in normal times supplied vegetables for many other localities.

"Rolling stock on German railroads is in an indescribable state. It was already in bad repair when the war began and the lack of lubricants aggravated the effects of normal wear.

"The same situation exists for machine-tools.

"THE MASSIVE BOMBARDMENTS WHICH THE R.A.F. HAVE BEEN SHOWERING ON THE NORTH SEA COAST, THE RHINELAND AND WESTPHALIA HAVE NOT ONLY CAUSED GREAT MATERIAL DAMAGE BUT AFFECTED THE WORKERS' MORALE SO HEAVILY THAT PRODUCTION OF METALLURGICAL FACTORIES IN WEST GERMANY HAS DROPPED 47 PER CENT.

"Production in coal mines is also decreasing steadily.

"It is undeniable that air raids are a weapon to which the Germans do not react with the toughness of the English." — Reuter.

MENZIES ASKED TO GO TO LONDON

Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, has been unanimously requested by the Federal Cabinet to go to London as soon as possible.

Mr. Menzies said yesterday that certain difficulties in the way of such a course might not be insuperable.

It would be unwise to accept until the proposal had been discussed by all parties.

It was imperative that whoever went should have the full support of the Government.

The suggestion would be debated in Parliament on August 20 when a statement on the Far East position would be made.

Subject to the approval of the Labour Party Mr. Menzies will go to London as the Prime Minister of Australia.—Reuter.

"DEATH KNELL TO FASHION"

Clothes rationing sounds the death-knell of fashion in Britain for the duration of the war, and the Queen's cancellation of her summer and autumn dress orders makes simplicity and utility the new style.

It is announced that the Duchess of Kent, renowned as a leader of European fashion, will abide loyally by the King's expressed wish that members of the Royal family should strictly observe the clothes rationing, as they already observe food rationing.

Shortages of chocolates, sweets, and cigarettes are creating a new type of "hog"—a person who carries numerous pennies and strips newly-filled automatic machines.

A director of a slot machine firm stated: "Our machines are rationed, but the demand is such that a month's rations are used up in a matter of hours. We are unable to stop 'machine-crawlers,' who often strip a machine while others wait vainly for a penny chocolate."

The tobacco controller, Mr. A. H. Maxwell, threatens to deal drastically with hoarders and put out of business tobacconists who are overcharging.

WOMAN IN SCENE AT 'DROME

A midnight visit to an aerodrome by a woman of means, who slapped the face of a good-looking young aircraftman of Russian nationality was described at Marlborough Street police court, when John Houlden, 34, Cumberland-mansions, Hyde Park, surrendered to his bail of £1,000, and was further remanded on seven charges of fraudulent conversions and forgery involving £665.

Houlden was described by prosecuting counsel as a clever rogue, who, it was alleged, had defrauded Mrs. Ethel Gertrude Miller-Mundy, Viceroy Court, Regent's Park.

For the defence, Mr. C. E. Loseby stated that Houlden had a complete answer to the charges.

Orest Orloff, the aircraftman, cross-examined by Mr. Loseby said he went to the Dorchester, the Ritz and many other hotels with Mrs. Miller-Mundy, but he denied that Houlden always paid the accounts on her behalf.

In December, he said, Mrs. Miller-Mundy, with Houlden, came to his aerodrome at midnight "to clear up all the misunderstanding." She did not throw her ring at him, but she slapped his face and was very angry about the letters and things he was supposed to have said and done.

THAILAND BOUNDARY MEETINGS

The Thai-Indo-China Boundary Delegation meetings are due to commence on Monday under the chairmanship of Mr. Yano, head of the Japanese delegation.

The present meetings are expected to last a fortnight, followed later by meetings at different points on the frontier.

"Thailand would need and welcome assistance if attacked," stated Colonel Sarabiaga, head of the Thai delegation to the boundary mission.

He added the recent Anglo-American statement regarding Thailand's position was not addressed specifically to Thailand as an official communication.

The mention of assistance was certainly welcomed in Thailand.—Reuter.

U.S. READY FOR DRASTIC ACTION

Senator George, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday the United States might possibly sever all commercial relations with Japan if she made any further move in the southern Pacific or if she moves against the Russians in Siberia. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN AT ABBEY

Site Of Coronation Piled With Rubble

The King and Queen recently visited Westminster Abbey and Westminster School to see the damage done to these buildings in the night raids on London.

At the Abbey they saw piles of rubble covering the spot where they were crowned four years ago. After this they went round the cloisters and inspected the ruined residences of some of the Abbey clergy.

In the school hall at Westminster School they stood amid heaps of charred bricks and piles of burned desks.

Serious injury has been done to the Great Schoolroom, where the annual ceremony of tossing the pancake takes place, and also to the Chanter Library. Ashburnham House, which houses the school library, designed by Inigo Jones, has been partly destroyed.

Ruins At Parliament

Later the King alone drove to the Houses of Parliament, where the Speaker, Capt. FitzRoy, and Lord Esme Gordon-Lennox, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod and secretary to the Lord Great Chamberlain, showed him round the ruined buildings.

The King stood by the charred ruins of the Speaker's chair and gazed at the mass of twisted girders and broken stonework that was once the debating chamber of the Commons. He walked through the Members' Corridor to the Lobby, where workmen were clearing away rubble.

Other Raid Damage

Among other places which it was announced had been damaged in a recent raid were the Law Courts, which have been hit for the third time; the Royal Society of Arts building in John Adam Street, W.C., and St. Mildford's Church, Bread Street, E.C., built by Sir Christopher Wren. This church, because of its dome-like covering, has been described as an "essay in miniature" for the larger work of St. Paul's, which was being built at the same time as the church.

GERMAN AGENTS STILL POURING INTO IRAN

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

ALTHOUGH THE Soviet and British missions in Teheran have acted energetically and on parallel lines, in an effort to bring home to Iran the menace of Nazi penetration, it is not yet clear that the Iranian Government appreciates fully the dangers of the situation.

For instance, according to reliable but unofficial reports, the Iranian Government have compared the total numbers of Germans and Britons in the country without taking into account the fact that the Britons are mainly old residents employed in oilfields and like work.

The Germans are mostly recent arrivals of well-known Fifth Column stamp.

The Soviet Government, engaged in a life and death struggle with the Nazi regime, has made it plain to Iran that it refuses to tolerate any weakening of Iranian neutrality which would permit Fifth Column activity in the rear of its armies.

The British have been no less positive. It is hoped the Iranian Government will heed these friendly but earnest warnings and give evidence of its goodwill by expelling Nazi agents.

Some Disquiet

These agents are plotting as much against the Shah himself as against Allied interests in the Middle East.

During the last few days, however, more Germans have been reported on their way to Iran.

The situation must therefore be considered as still giving rise to some disquiet.—Reuter.

GERMAN "TRIALS" IN CRETE

German military courts in Crete will try British and Imperial soldiers on charges of having mutilated and maltreated German parachutists.

This is apparently a prelude to Goebbels's publication of further propaganda stories of British atrocities in Crete.

Four reasons are believed to lie behind the threat. First, it may be designed to distract German domestic attention from the German Army's heavy casualties in Crete. Secondly, it may be the preliminary to Germany's employment of a new form of "frightfulness." Thirdly, it may be designed to foment German hatred of the British, and fourthly, it may aim at frightening the defence forces and the Home Guards into "pulling their punches" if Britain is invaded.

The command of Germany's Middle East air storm troops has been given to General Student, 60, who made the first jump in the parachutists' attack on Crete.

German reconstruction of Crete as an advanced air base is going on under General Student, who was badly wounded in the head last year when he led a paratroop attack on Rotterdam.

RABAUL ERUPTION

A huge black cloud of dust and steam shot up 3,500 feet above Rabaul as the crater of Tarvur-vur volcano blew out.

The eruption, which caused no damage, was the first of any magnitude since that of June, 1937, in which two whites and 16 natives were killed.

The eruption began at 7.40 a.m. No tremors were recorded, and no explosions heard. The first sign was the sudden appearance of a black cauliflower-shaped cloud about 700 feet high, which rapidly grew and spread. It drifted over Mount Mother and Namanula, causing a very light shower of black scoria. Later there were three minor puffs, the highest reaching 300 feet above the crater mouth.

There was no activity at Vulcan or Rabalanakaia craters.

Further small puffs of smoke occurred during the morning at two to three minutes intervals up to 12 noon. Everything is quiet in the town.

In the 1937 eruption, Rabaul (which is the capital of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea) was partly buried under pumice ash and dust from the volcanoes Vulcan and Matupi. About 500 residents were evacuated and emergency supplies rushed to Rabaul by steamer. Only Government officials remained. Business was resumed after 10 days.

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DEATH OF FAMOUS FORMER VICEROY

LORD WILLINGDON, KNOWN AS "THE MAN WHO CANNOT RETIRE," DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. HE HAD BEEN ILL WITH PNEUMONIA.

One of the few members of the House of Commons to have achieved the distinction of a Marquesate, a reward for his decades of service, Lord Willingdon will be chiefly remembered for his work in India, where as Viceroy he had to deal with Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign at its height.

Lord Willington refused to make any compromise until civil disobedience was called off and absolutely rejected all Gandhi's attempts to enter into negotiations.

"I CAN SEE NO POINT," HE SAID, "IN ARGUING WITH ONE WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED A DIRECT ORDER FROM GOD."

Lord Oxford, when Liberal Prime Minister as Mr. Asquith, made him Governor of Bombay in 1913, Mr. Lloyd George, head of the Coalition Government, made him Governor of Madras in 1919, Lord Baldwin as Conservative Prime Minister appointed him Governor-General of Canada in 1926, and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, at the head of the second Labour Government, entrusted him with the Vice-Royalty in 1931.

In 1938 he and Lady Willingdon went to South America on behalf of the American Institute of Britain, when they travelled widely over Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Flight To N.Z.

When he was 73, in January last, he went on a flight to New Zealand to represent the Government at the Centenary Celebrations. It was the first time a man of his age had made a flight which entailed crossing the 1,200 dangerous miles of the Tasman Sea.

In November he went to South America, as head of an important economic mission, to explain to Latin-America, British wartime policy.

These two final episodes emphasise Lord Willingdon's versatility, vigorous loyalty and great devotion to his country.

Distinguished in appearance, athletic even in his advancing years, he had played cricket both for the M.C.C. and Sussex and helped found the Cricket Club of India—this great Pro-Consul of Empire will be mourned in many parts of the world.—Reuter.

GERMAN DESERTER'S LETTER

An open letter written to the soldiers and airmen of Germany by Claus Haufbauer, a 23-year-old pilot who has deserted to the Soviet, was read over the Moscow Radio the other night.

Haufbauer, the Radio claims, is one of many German pilots who have crossed over to the Soviet side.

The German pilot calls on others to turn against the rulers of Germany.

He said: "During the two years since I was called up for service I have made 47 flights over France and Britain on raids. On the 48th time I was told to drop my bombs over Russia. I did not. I flew my plane over the fighting line and landed in a village, where I was taken prisoner. The German people are tired of war."

The Radio adds that a considerable number of Finns have crossed over to the side of the Soviet and declared they did not want to fight Hitler's war.

BATTLE OF WITS IN AIR

A Spitfire pilot who leads a famous auxiliary squadron with a brilliant record at Dunkirk and in the Battle of Britain, recently had a battle of wits with the pilot of a Messerschmitt 109F, Germany's newest fighter, over the Channel, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The pilot, in his report, described the German as "obviously very experienced."

"During a dog-fight off Dover," he said, "one of several ME 109Fs came down and attacked. I saw tracer bullets flying past. I climbed after the enemy. He climbed away from me."

The R.A.F. pilot was determined to get his opponent to come down and attack him. For 10 minutes jockeying for position went on, but "the enemy pilot would not take any chances."

"Finally," says the Spitfire pilot, "I flew straight up into the sun and watched him very carefully. He turned about 1,000 feet above me and came round behind, but still would not attack. At last he dived, and the moment I thought his sights were on me I evaded him. As he shot past I got in a long burst. Bits flew off his machine, which turned on its back, smoking, and dived vertically. When I looked again I saw it splash into the sea."

INJURED MAN SAVED WORKS

Gallantry at a gas plant has gained the George Medal for John Sussex, of Erith. Fragments of bomb had punctured the plant and caused a considerable leakage, which was particularly dangerous owing to the proximity of boiler furnaces.

Sussex, though injured, groped about in the darkness amid falling debris and hot water, and took steps to prevent further damage to the works and injury to the staff.

Outstanding among other acts of civilian courage recorded in a new list of awards announced recently is that of Augustus Jack Davis, carpenter's labourer, of the Gas Light and Coke Co. Davis, who has been awarded the British Empire Medal, was on duty when two incendiary bombs fell on top of a gas-holder 90ft. high. These lit up the works and the raiders dropped more bombs.

With complete disregard for his own safety, Davis climbed to the top of the holder, scooped up the incendiaries in his helmet, and safely made his way to the ground.

The Rev. C. H. B. Ridler, Rector of St. John's Church, Old Trafford, becomes an M.B.E. The "London Gazette" stated that during raids on Manchester he set a splendid example to all with whom he came in contact.

The "Gazette" announced five other awards of the George Medal to A.R.P. workers and one policeman, P.c. James Clegg, Lancs. County Constabulary. Among 13 persons to whom the British Empire Medal has been awarded are firemen, wardens, members of rescue parties, and ambulance drivers.

FATE OF PRISONERS

The Germans are attempting to humiliate British prisoners in Greece, and have forced them to clean the streets of Athens, with an unexpected result, reports the correspondent of "The Times" at Istanbul.

He states that the prisoners became centres of popular demonstrations and hero worship. Greeks surrounded them and threw sweets, flowers, and bread.

The infuriated Germans placed two armed soldiers near every street cleaner, and threatened to shoot if the crowds showed the slightest sign of interest in them.

GUERILLAS WRECK GERMAN TROOP TRAIN

HOW A PARTY of guerilla soldiers wrecked a German troop train by sending the locomotive full speed ahead down the track into a collision with a German train is described in a supplementary Soviet communique, issued yesterday, which reports that 16 carriages of the German train were completely destroyed.

Further reports of sabotage activities in German occupied Holland and France are also announced. "In one Dutch town the whole section of a machine-building factory was blown up, causing a stoppage of the entire plant for a week.

"In another town electric generators were put out of action, requiring repairs lasting several days.

"In a cloth factory stocks of finished cloth, intended for immediate exportation to Germany, were destroyed by fire, while a train loaded with mechanised units and artillery was derailed between the towns of Apgelgerl and Hollandberst, causing much delay."

French Sabotage

Guerilla activities are also increasing in France, according to this report.

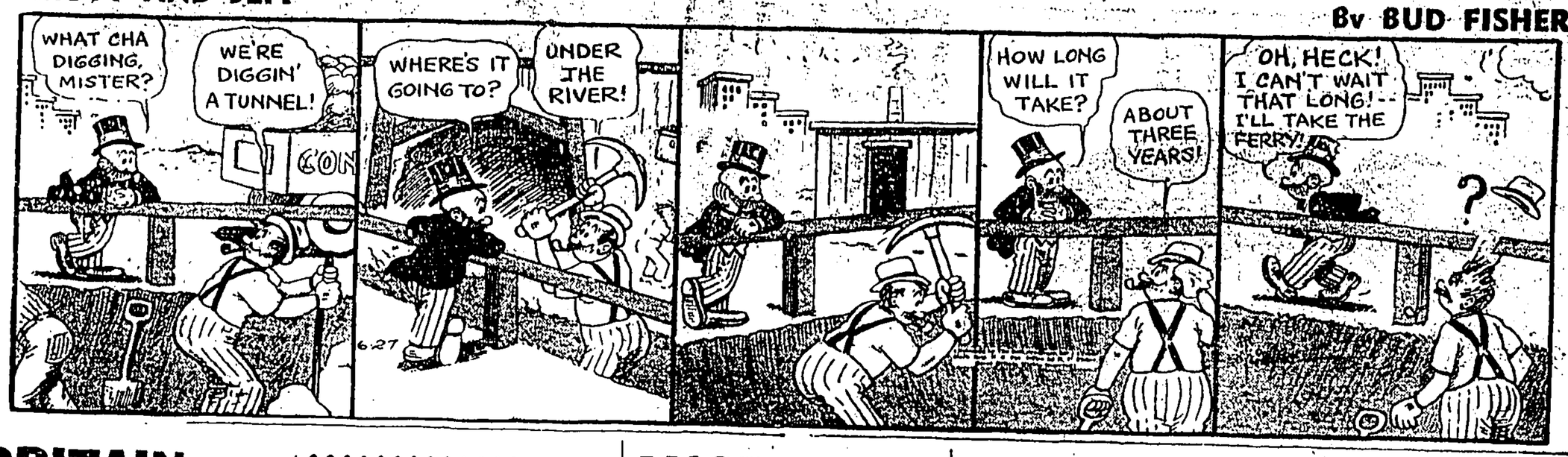
A German train with supplies has been derailed, 14 trucks being destroyed while an ammunition dump was blown up in Meudon Wood.

In the town of Pomtoise, open anti-German demonstrations of workmen have taken place, the communique adds.—Reuter.

Library, Supreme Court

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



BRITAIN SETS SHIP RECORDS

Britain's ship-repairing yards are breaking all records for fast workmanship, states the daily shipping newspaper "Lloyd's List and Shipping Gazette."

The paper adds that in one week ships totalling more than 1,100,000 tons were returned to service after repairs had been carried out.

Ship-builders are rushing out merchantmen of all types from barges to big freighters, the paper says.

The Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Herald" says: "That news brings a touch of brightness to the sea picture, which disturbs all except the stupidly complacent. Ships lying damaged or idle in port are jus. as much out of the war as sunken ships. Britain's ship repairers know this. It is the thought behind the work of rushing damaged ships back into service."

"SPEED THE TANKS"

Mr. W. G. Weston, M.P., the millionaire biscuit manufacturer, has sent to the Minister of Supply, £10,000 for the establishment of a "Speed the Tanks Fund."

Mr. Weston hopes that the fund will spread through the Empire.

SALE OF SHIPS

A scheme for the sale of Government-built ships to the shipping industry has been accepted in principle by the general council of the British Shipping Council, which will recommend the scheme, the terms of which have not yet been made public, to individual owners.

For some time owners have been urging the Government to make available to them tonnage being built on the Government account. So far the request has been refused.

ANOTHER QUIET WEDDING!

London's blitz night was 19-year-old Hilda Cross's wedding eve.

Suddenly there was a hammering at the door. Hilda threw it open. There stood a wild, dishevelled figure, his hair and face covered with dust and lime. It was her husband-to-be, Driver Leslie Booker, of the Royal Artillery.

"We've been bombed out," he gasped, "but Mum and Dad are both all right."

"Come in," said Mrs. Cross. Soon afterwards there began for Hilda the strangest wedding day a girl could have.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker were brought from their shattered home, and Leslie went back as the bombs fell to rescue his father's gold watch and money, his own wallet, and the dress uniform in which he was to be married. He found the trousers in a neighbour's garden.

"Most Exciting"

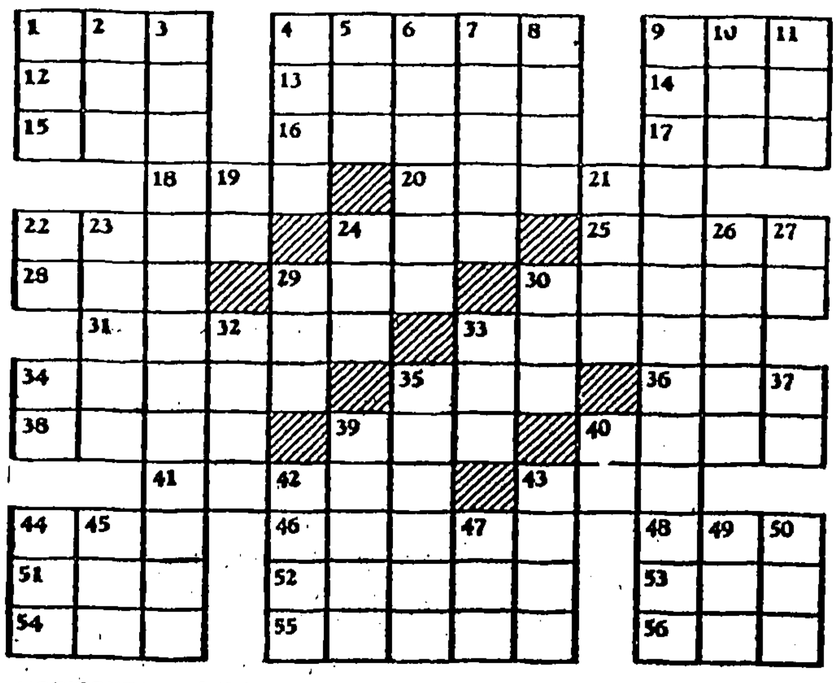
At eight o'clock he and Hilda went to Communion.

Mrs. Booker went back to her home to look for her hat and new shoes. She could not find them.

But at 2.30 p.m. both families, looking as though nothing extraordinary had happened, met at the church around the corner and the sweethearts were wed.

"Our quiet wedding turned out to be a most exciting affair," said Mrs. Cross. "Now Leslie and Hilda have gone off to the country for a few days' honeymoon."

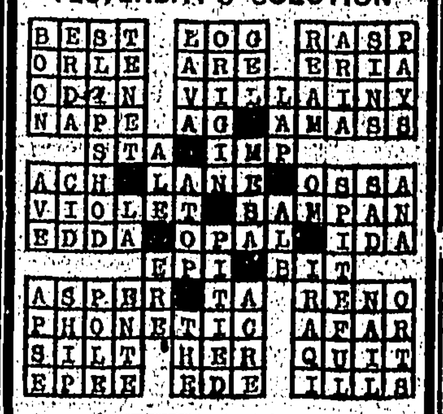
OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 Goddess of the harvest
4 Walked with difficulty
9 Demure
12 Cost
13 To shun
14 Crude metal
15 Light brown
16 Carnivorous mammal
17 Carpet
18 To make lace
20 To rebound
22 Escaped
24 Roman bronze
25 Gaming cubes
28 To bring forth
29 Conjunction
30 Durable white fibre
31 Tale
33 Maxim
34 Apart
35 To study
36 Corded cloth
38 Head covering
39 Vast age
40 Unusual
41 To seize by force
43 Isle
44 Fuel
46 Sum
48 Hawaiian bird
51 To trouble
52 Roman magistrate
53 Worthless leaving
54 To attempt
55 Denominations
56 Brood

VERTICAL
1 Poetic: frequently
2 Edible seed
3 Axiomatically
4 Cried
5 Hummingbird
6 Moved nimbly
7 Scandinavian literary works
8 Expensive
9 Pity
10 Anglo-Saxon money,
11 Still
19 Paid notice
21 Chief Norse deity
22 Symbol for iron
23 Lariat
24 Some
26 To provide food
27 Spanish article
29 Part of "to be"
30 Japanese coin
32 Chances
33 Weight
34 Interjection
35 Hamitic language
37 Hebrew letter
39 To eat away
40 Japanese measure
42 Southwestern Indians
43 Malt beverages
44 Ship channel
45 Melody
47 Music: high
49 Twisted
50 Devoured

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



WOMEN IN WAR

TWO HUMAN SIDELIGHTS ON THE WOMAN'S PART IN THE WAR HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SIMUTANEOUSLY.

A leading Wren (member of the Woman's Royal Naval Service), Miss Daphne Dorothy Briand, 23, cook in H.M.S. Eaglet, of Liverpool, made naval history by having her marriage banns called on board ship, while afloat. The senior chaplain, who called the banns, described her as "spinster, of H.M.S. Eaglet."

Wrens have been allowed to live afloat since the Liverpool blitzes.

At a Birmingham Court, Miss Sylvia Margaret Durham, described as "an ambulance heroine who had been out in blitzes and funked nothing," was summoned for having refused to wash dishes. Although it was explained that her offence amounted merely to making the men make their own tea and wash their own dishes, the magistrate said it was a lawful order, and not unreasonable, but dismissed the summonses on payment of a guinea costs

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GRIM ORDEAL OF THE CZECHS

---Brutality, Spoliation

(By A CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON)

THE CZECHOSLOVAK PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE IN ENGLAND, HAS ISSUED A SURVEY OF THE INVASION PERSECUTION, AND DESTRUCTION OF THIS YOUNG REPUBLIC BY THE NAZIS.

It is a moving account of suffering, as documentary as possible in the circumstances, shot through with glimpses of the undying fortitude of a brave people determined never to submit willingly to the tyranny of the invader.

With almost all Europe under German domination, one is apt to overlook the genesis of this colossal struggle to establish, lastingly one hopes, the rights of man as an individual. Munich, September 29, 1938, is a date to keep in mind; and with it the vain sacrifices Czechoslovakia made to keep the peace.

Czechoslovakia was then a very young nation, a month under 20 years of age, but into the brief career ushered in by the Treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, and Trianon had been crowded much happy development, many social changes, examples of religious freedom, and considerable technical and cultural progress. The survey under review sketches these achievements as background to the unhappy, persecuted Czechoslovakia of to-day.

Germany sought to legalise her occupation by declaring the rump of the dismembered State the "Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," and promulgating a thirteen-point decree to govern its relationship with the Reich.

The "Magna Carta of Czech freedom" was the title given to this infamous document by Nazi propaganda, but, in effect, it is shown, it imposed a status normally reserved by European colonial great Powers for backward native races unable to read or write.

The President and Government of the Protectorate, whose domestic rights were specifically safeguarded in the "magna carta," were swept aside, the Reich Protector became all-powerful, and such measures as the introduction of the Nuremberg laws against the Jews, the establishment of German as the official language, even in purely Czech communities, and the division of the Protectorate into 19 areas, each with a German governor, were imposed overnight and rigorously enforced. The autonomy promised by Hitler was dead—stillborn.

Undermining National Will

So the insidious business of undermining a nation's will to resist continued. The organs of regional and local government were throttled, like the organs of central power. Provincial representative bodies were dissolved, and on a single order of the Protector the mayors of purely Czech towns were dismissed and Germans appointed instead, while such district councils as were allowed to live were compulsorily swamped with German members.

This was the preliminary stage, the "browning off" preparatory to the unpublicised blitzkrieg which aimed, and still aims, at the total destruction of Czech life in all its forms. Most sinister was the introduction of "dualism" into the legal system—one law for German citizens and another for the Czech "proteges"—which makes it possible for the Germans to bring about complete legal chaos in the relations between the Czech citizens themselves and in their relations with German persons or the German authorities. To find an analogy for this legal system one has to turn to the consular courts which exist in countries where the cultural level of the native population has not allowed the development of a conception of law and justice corresponding to that of civilised European nations.

In other words, the Czechs are treated as a primitive race. Deprived of their political freedom, they are also deprived of all guarantees of justice granted to citizens in even the worst organised countries.

Article XII of the vaunted "magna carta" expressly stipulates that the laws valid in Bohemia and Moravia at the time of the German occupation remain in force in so far as they do not oppose the spirit of the protection given by the Reich to the Protectorate. Like all Hitler's promises this was speedily broken.

The National Socialist criminal law, the source of which, as the Nazis proudly boast, is the German National Socialist spirit and feeling, which is entirely alien to the spirit and feelings of the Czech nation, was imposed. Further intervention followed when the competence of German courts in civil disputes was extended, and Germans were given the right to demand the quashing of any civil verdict if they considered the material interests of the German party to the dispute were threatened.

Nazi Spoliation

The uncontrolled transfer of Czech property to German hands, both public and private, at a fraction of its value is enforced by threats and torture, and the transactions are hidden from the competent Czech courts, so that no evidence of this typically cunning Nazi robbery may reach the Czech authorities.

Thus the Czech legal apparatus, once considered one of the most just in Europe, is debased. The Czech citizen's personal security, his honour, and his property, are a mere plaything in the hands of the German conqueror, whose courts exist only to discover in case of need a legal formula for the greatest barbarism and the bloodiest crimes.

With political freedom the freedom of the trade unions vanished, the workers returned to the slavery of the Dark Ages.

By the imposition of an artificially high exchange rate, some 150 per cent. above the real rate, and price increases which the Germans themselves estimate at 40 per cent., real wages were ruthlessly slashed. To add to the sorry tale, working hours were drastically prolonged, and German supervisors were drafted into the factories, to enforce an inhuman discipline.

Finally, the Czech working class became the victim of mass deportations to Germany. Says the survey: "The exact number is not known, but the German figures, which must be considered as a minimum, speak of 55,000 agricultural workers from Slovakia, and 125,000 industrial workers from Bohemia and Moravia.

According to Czech estimates, almost a quarter of a million Czech workers have been transported from the Protectorate to Germany. The fate of these workers is terrible. They are treated literally like slaves. Official orders remind the German population that it must not degrade itself by social contacts with a lower race. The food is even worse than that of the German workers, and the wages are illusory, because, if the Czech worker in Germany saves something, he cannot send it either to his family at home or take it with him if he is allowed to return."

German Terrorism

Terrible though the picture may be, it needs the long list of authenticated instances of the German terror that this survey contains to drive home the horror Czechoslovakia has known and is still experiencing because she dared to set democracy before totalitarianism.

Within two months of Hitler's entry into Prague 12,000 Czechs were dead, behind prison bars, or in concentration camps. They represented all classes—politicians, artists, writers, workers, factory owners, army officers, teachers, and professors. None was safe from the Gestapo and its thugs. I quote from the survey:

Major of the General Staff, Bohumil Klein, Czechoslovakia Military Attache in Budapest, and, after the German occupation, an official of the Czechoslovak Press Bureau, arrested on suspicion of maintaining contacts with foreign countries; tortured to death in prison on October 14, 1936; he was 41 years old.

Lieutenant-Colonel of the General Staff, Tomas Houska, an official of the National Museum, arrested and transferred to Petschek Palace; on the fourth day the torture attained such a degree that this man was no longer in control of himself and he was therefore thrown from the fourth floor on to a stone pavement. The official doctor was compelled to declare that he had committed suicide. This took place probably on December 8, 1939.

Lieutenant-Colonel of the General Staff, Jan Trebrizky, died, on March 25, 1940, in hospital as result of torture. He had been the victim of alternate immersion in boiling and freezing water. In consequence of a stomach disease from which he was suffering, he was artificially maintained alive during his examination and torture, by means of injections.

Leader of every political party, Mayors of inoffensive towns, plain citizens — they are all named, Remes, Tymes, Vaverka, Richter, Zapotocky, and dozens of others — were seized at night and returned to their families as ashes in an urn. It is not a new story, but it is salutary periodically to recall the fate of Czechoslovakia, for there are people who still incline to the belief that perhaps German overlordship of the Balkans would not be such a bad thing.

Suppression Of Culture

From personal persecution, the survey passes, to the attempted Germanisation of the entire nation, documentary evidence of the persecution of the Jews and the Christian Churches, and the ruthless suppression of all forms of Czech culture.

How are the Czechs faring and what are they doing to defeat the German conquerors? Their chief contribution to the common cause is a passive resistance that compels Germany to maintain in the Protectorate at least 250,000 men—army, police, etc. — who could otherwise be used for military adventures.

Against its will, the Protectorate has become one of the centres of German war production, but, at the same time, it is also one of the centres of sabotage within the Greater Reich. Executions and long prison sentences show how Germany feels this sabotage of its production and transport.

Undaunted by their sufferings, Czechs look forward to the day when mankind will set about the task of organising Europe afresh. Again quoting the Provisional Czech Government's survey: "We are aware that democracy as it was before this war was not perfect—this also explains its temporary disappearance in so many countries—and that it must therefore be expanded and intensified, especially in the economic and social respects. Czechoslovakia is quite ready to take part in all attempts at a reasonable organisation of postwar Europe, she will accept all practical solutions of the problem of European economic solidarity, she will not shirk any restriction of political sovereignty as long as it is also accepted by the other States of Europe."

Seldom in history can such suffering as the Czechs face to-day have produced such truly Christ-like humility.

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FRANCE BETRAYS

The news that whether openly or otherwise the Germans are likely to be given "transport facilities" in French North and West Africa is a matter of greatest gravity.

The situation is perfectly clear. Constant, discreetly exercised pressure on Admiral Darlan has made him exercise similar constant and discreet pressure on Marshal Petain.

The result is a further breach of the armistice terms between Germany and France.

In this situation plain action must be used. In the Europe created by the rise of the German Empire Britain has been France's faithful friend. The British people have felt the sincerest sorrow for the tribulations to which the French people have been subjected.

But this is a war between civilisation and the enemies of civilisation, and there can be no hesitating or temporising. Do the French people realise the end towards which their present rulers are leading them?

The French must understand that there cannot be, there will not be, any half measures.

America is now near going so far as saying that he who is not with us is against us. It might have been better if we had all said that long before now. But we have reached the point of saying that we really are against those who are against us.

TIME FOR ACTION

The time has come when we must seriously consider the question of territorial waters. Both Great Britain and the United States of America should ask themselves how the privileges hitherto attached to territorial waters are affecting their operations in the war.

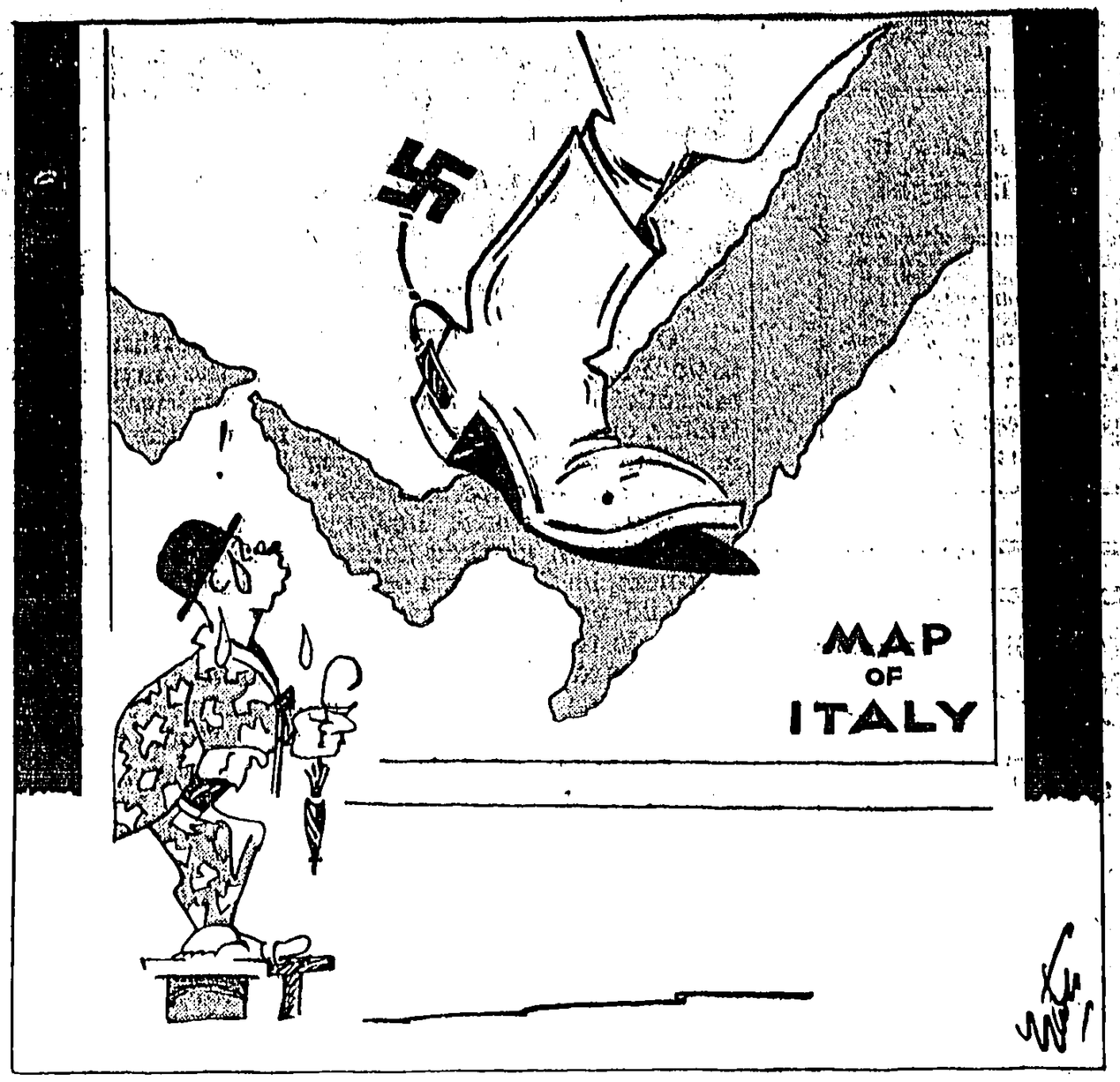
Before the breach between Germany and Norway the territorial waters of the latter country were in constant use by the former for belligerent purposes. The final result of that enemy use brought about disaster, not only for Norway but for us.

There is the strongest reason to believe that the territorial waters of the few neutral countries not under German control, also of those other countries, are being used without protest by the countries concerned.

International law today has no force. For the Nazis it simply does not exist.

The mysterious freedom with which German and Italian submarines ply their destructive tasks from bases on the West Coast of Europe, the West Coast of Africa, and from other spots is only possible because of a farcical regard for restrictions which are ignored by our enemies.

As Hamlet once said, "Want of principle is power. Truth and honesty set a limit to our efforts which impudence and hypocrisy easily overleap."



BETWEEN FRIENDS

Under Nazi Rule

One of the Macmillan War Pamphlets, published at the popular price of threepence, is written by Mr. A. P. Herbert, M.P., and it is entitled Let There Be Liberty. He concludes by giving a memorable picture of the average German under Nazi rule. Mr. Herbert states:—

"In case there is anyone who is still lukewarm about 'Our Liberties' or thinks they are not worth fighting for, let him try to imagine a day without them. He wakes, a little anxiously, and sees the daylight with relief, for in the dead of any night the political police may invade his home without warning, or without warrant.

"He finds, I suppose, a newspaper with his breakfast or at the station; but every day there is nothing in it but praise for his rulers and what they do, dictated by the same rulers. It is no use for him to say, as every indignant Englishman may do, 'I shall write to the papers about it,' for there is no paper that may print his accusations. In the train, in the office, in the street, he will not speak his mind on any public affairs without lowering his voice.

"At lunch-time, in the restaurant, the notice 'Do not discuss politics' hangs over his table—not in wartime only but in peace. If it is a Sunday, he may go to his place of worship; but he cannot be sure that the priest will not be in prison.

The German In His Home

"There are spies at the window, at the back-door; he cannot trust his servants; his children may give him away at school. If upon some charge, however false, he is arrested, there is no Magna Carta to which he car appeal, no writ of habeas corpus, no nonsense about imprisonment without trial, about the right to be heard by counsel.

"So the day passes—his body fed, maybe, his mind and muscles occupied, his income adequate—but what a life! And at the end of the day there is perhaps the saddest, most degrading scene of all. This man, this fine flower of centuries of civilisation, is permitted to know nothing of what is being said and done outside his own country.

"He is the heir of centuries of scientific discovery: he has all the manifold and magical channels of modern communications at his disposal. Yet he is as remote, as ignorant of the world, as the savage in the jungle, for every channel is closed to him by his own paternal Government.

"Yet at night, starving for knowledge, he determines to risk death for it. He turns on his wireless and allows to blare through a loud-speaker some crude patriotic speech or music. Then, clapping ear-phones to his ears and cowering in a cupboard or under the bed-clothes, he listens, guilty and terrified, to the news of the world. And so to bed.

"Such is the condition of darkness to which Herr Hitler has brought his people: such is the fate of all who fall under his 'protection.' We are last—or last but one—upon his list. But I am not going to press that point. It has become almost irrelevant. The time has gone by when any given country could say properly, 'Am I concerned in, or endangered by this affair? If not, I will keep out of it.' All countries, that are, or were, part of the healthy civilised order of things are concerned in this; because the whole of that order is threatened by the German pestilence.

There Should Be No Neutral

"It is no longer nation against nation—it is black against white—the devil against God—or what you will. Who, if I am right, can be lukewarm in such a struggle? There never should have been a neutral in this war and sooner or later, there will be none.

"But we cannot expect the unhappy, ill-defended neutrals to come in with us so long as there is a single sign of flabbiness or doubt among us. Let us expel them both. Those of us who can find no fun in war can surely at least find fire for this one. We do not fight for dividends or domination, we fight against the powers of darkness. We are in the van of those who say, 'Let there be liberty. Let there be light.'

"We are entitled to use once more the words of John Milton: 'Me-thinks I see in my mind a noble and puissant nation, rousing herself like a strong man after sleep, and shaking her invincible locks.'"

An Author's Creed

"War With Honour" is the title chosen by Mr. A. A. Milne the eminent novelist and writer. His summing up is typical of his pamphlet's message:—

"I believe that twice one is two, and I also believe these things," asserts Mr. Milne:—

"I believe that Nazi rule is the foulest abomination with which mankind has ever been faced.

"I believe that, if it is unresisted it will spread over, and corrupt, the whole world.

"I believe that no decent man, no humane man, no honest man, no man of courage, intelligence or imagination: no man who ever had a kindly thought for his neighbour or compassion for the innocent: no lover of truth, no lover of freedom could wish to have a place in that world.

"I believe, therefore, that it is as much the duty of mankind to reject such a world as it is the duty of any community to reject gangster rule.

"I see no way of doing this save by the use of force.

"I am not frightened by words. If this use of force be called International War, then for the first time in my life I approve of International War; if it be called Civil War, then, not for the first time, I approve of Civil War. If it be called Resistance to Evil, then, as (I hope) always, I am for resistance to evil.

"Only when we have resisted it and overcome it, can Civilisation resume its march.

"Perhaps I can best come to an end by quoting from some lines which I addressed to America at the beginning of May:—

"Yes, 'War is Hell.'
And Peace is Hell, if it's Peace with the Devil in power
Yet, if this is not your quarrel, and not your hour,
If you have chosen Peace, you have chosen well.
But—scatter your armies, burn your ships,
Tear the breech-block out of the gun;
Never again can you fight who fight not now,
No rallying-call can ever rise to your lips.
There lives no faith to which you can make your vow,
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Only one gage of battle, only one battle-song;
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How Dakar Can Be A Menace To The Western Hemisphere

OVERNIGHT THE strategic importance of a little French colonial outpost on the mysterious, miasmic West African coast flashes world-wide. Dakar, once just a name to the man in the street, is headline news, writes Major James Ross in the "Christian Science Monitor." More important to the war-torn world, however, is the fact that its name is now marked boldly on the maps of war-planners, be they Axis or be they Empire.

And most important to Americans, North or South, is the grave implication that Dakar is the springboard for any intended offensive move against the Western world, be the move economic or military. It is time that Americans take stock of all that the situation of this French colonial harbour means.

In considering the value of any point as a base of operations, a host of questions arise. Essential general factors are the facilities afforded by the place itself and the communications channels linking it with the rest of the world. The specific application of these factors depends, like any other question of military geography, upon the aims of the power desiring to avail itself of the place and the the paths open for the projected penetration. All these factors must be weighed, whether or not the proposed move be one of war or of peace.

Dakar lies in the westernmost bulge of Africa, with but some 1,800 miles of Atlantic Ocean separating it from the eastern bulge of South America—at Natal on the nose of Brazil. It is, then, within easy cruising range of transport 'planes of modern type. It is, in fact, one terminus of an existing transatlantic air service. This is the basic fact that focuses American interest on the question of who holds Dakar.

The town boasts a good harbour, hence it is a potential naval base. Applying the usual yardstick of fleet radius of action approximately 3,500 miles—one finds that a battle fleet operating from Dakar could adequately engage in action in some waters beyond the range of any United States fleet based on east coast ports of the United States, and on equal terms with such fleet in other Atlantic waters. Dakar, then, can be a vital factor in hemisphere defence.

Weighed in the balance of an "aid to Britain" policy, Dakar, only 500 miles from the British naval base of Freetown in Sierra Leone, is a definite danger—in Axis hands—to the British convoy life-line from the Antipodes around the Cape of Good Hope, whether that traffic be routed from Freetown in a generally northerly direction to the British isles or via the longer but safer route via Trinidad and Halifax. Immediately available as an air base for such attack on the Empire sea-borne traffic, Dakar may also become the base for Axis naval raider action against it.

Unhealthy Climate

In considering the occupation of Dakar, it must be understood that the place lies 15 degrees north of the Equator, and is a typical West African port, drab, hot, and unhealthy. There are but two seasons, summer and winter. The summer season, which runs from June through October, is one of terrific heat and torrential rains. Tornadoes roll in from the sea frequently. From November to May the living conditions are more bearable.

The town itself has a population of some 40-odd thousand, of whom but a small proportion is European. It's residential part is on the high ground nearest the cape. The terrain slopes from this plateau to the harbour, where old Dakar sprawls in an ugly assortment of wooden houses along narrow alleys, with all the smells and discomforts one might expect in Africa. The jungle laps at the very edge of the town.

Question Of Food Supply

Industry is almost nil, there is but little agriculture in the vicinity, and most of the foodstuffs are imported. Most come by sea, but a small supply comes by driblets from the Sudan. An expeditionary force based on Dakar would of necessity be dependent upon such foodstuffs as could be shipped in. This is true, of course, whether such force be Axis or Empire.

So much for the general estimate of the situation, premised upon the "collaboration" of France's Vichy government with the Axis. Let us examine the capabilities of the port as it exists at present.

The actual situation, insofar as the air is concerned, is that from Dakar air traffic with South America is to-day functioning, providing the Axis powers with direct communication unhampered in any way by British censorship. It is therefore a base for Nazi propaganda distribution and physical infiltration—this latter in a small way, of course, but definitely operating—for purposes inimical to both the United States and Britain. One might well speculate on the potentialities involved, at some later date, of economic warfare, with Axis trade relations reopening, providing a market to compete with United States goods, at the same time furnishing strategic commodities on the return trip, to promote Axis war strength.

Axis Sea-Lanes Vulnerable

True, such sea-borne Axis traffic is open to attack by British raiders operating from Freetown, Ascension, St. Helena, and Simonstown on the African side, and from British possessions on the American side.

Dakar is situated in the bight of the Cape Verde peninsula, the Gulf of Goree, actually facing eastward in the shelter of a long hook of land, the apex of which is Cap Manuel, which juts southward. The harbour is protected by an island, Goree, lying about two miles east of it, and has been artificially improved by a long jetty which, with the Point of Dakar, embraces an inner basin.

A navy yard and coaling basin, with dock facilities of sizable proportions, lie within. A large petroleum depot is also available. The basin is dredged to a 33-foot depth.

On Cap Manuel is a fairly modern fort, while batteries of medium calibre artillery are situated on the Point of Dakar and the Point of Bel Air, a mile north of the harbour, where a hydroplane base with hangars has been erected. It may be assumed that the inner harbour is protected by anti-submarine booms and nets. The shore batteries, so far as is known, do no mount any major calibre guns, but could resist run-bys of light craft. On Goree Island anti-aircraft batteries have been installed, as well as coast defence guns.

Strength Of Naval Defence

Lying at Dakar are the remnants of part of the French Navy, consisting of the battleship Richelieu—most powerful unit of the French fleet, and seriously damaged by the British last July—at least three light cruisers, two or three destroyers, and several submarines. The naval dry dock is supposed to be limited to vessels of 10,000 tons. However, indications point to the probability that the Richelieu has been repaired to some extent.

That this force, even supported by the shore batteries, could resist any determined naval attack by British elements, is improbable. It must be remembered that the British-Free French attack was never pushed home, because at that time Britain had no desire to throw France in the German camp. The entire scheme, as it turned out, was ill-advised, and based on the fallacious reasoning that the place would fall almost automatically to the Free-French movement.

Possible Landing Places

On the other hand, it is doubtful if Britain could risk detachment of a battleship division to reduce Dakar, and a lesser force might well prove inadequate. The nearest harbours where an expeditionary force might be landed for action against Dakar are at St. Louis, in Senegal, more than 200 miles away, and Bathurst, in British-owned Gambia, about 300 miles distant, overland through the jungle. Either one would require careful planning and organisation, would be a long-time affair, and at present such operations would appear to be impracticable from the British viewpoint.

A sharp bombardment by a battleship division followed by landing operations in the vicinity, would appear to be the indicated action. Adequate air power could be provided by one large carrier, supplemented by bombers based on Freetown.

French air power at Dakar is again a matter of speculation. There is an air port some two miles from the town, beside the hydroplane base at Hann Cove. In it are probably 100 military 'planes, many of them bombers. Reinforcements might be flown in from French Morocco, via Villa Cisneros in the Spanish possession of Rio de Oro—were Franco willing—otherwise would have to come by a long route through Algeria and West Africa, except for long-range bombers. Whether or not existing French aerodromes en route could supply sufficient gasoline for such immediate movement is not known.

Forces Estimated At 5,000

In land forces at Dakar it is estimated that France has at least 5,000 regular troops. These include one or more battalions of colonial infantry, a battalion of colonial artillery, plus an anti-aircraft battalion—Frenchmen and one or more regiments of Senegalese riflemen. To gather much more of a garrison would necessitate denuding the French outposts further inland in West Africa.

The native man power of Senegal is tremendous, however, and it may well be possible that additional elements of the big, black men—much like Kipling's "big black, boundin' beggars"—have been organised by the provincial authorities. The limitation would be in material available to equip them.

A point which might well be borne in mind here is that the Senegalese, while mighty fighting men, are unaccustomed to bombing from the air. Recalling World War days, the French found that the Senegalese stood up badly to long-range artillery pounding, although they would charge recklessly in hand-to-hand fighting. All in all, it may be considered

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HIS COURAGE NOT FORGOTTEN

A bequest in the £30,654 will of Mr. Ernest Barrett, of Earl's Court, was £500 to Emily Nichols, "as a slight appreciation of the prompt and courageous conduct of her late husband, Sidney Frank Nichols, on June 13, 1917."

He also left £2,000 to his housekeeper, Norah McGahey.-

ARSENAL IN HOME OF SPY RING SUSPECT

SIX PISTOLS, nine rifles, one shotgun, 100,000 cartridges and a quantity of other ammunition all presumably for use in "target shooting," were seized the other day by Nassau County police at the Merrick (L. L.) home of Everett Minster Roeder, one of twenty-nine persons who were arrested over the week-end of June 29 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and charged with being agents of a foreign government.

The seizure was made under the direction of Inspector Harold R. King, Lieutenant Albert V. Pitt, head of the Nassau Police Safety Bureau, and Detective John McIntosh, following cancellation of town and State permits for possession of the powder and a cartridge-filling machine.

Lieutenant Pitt revealed that the permits were issued to Mr. Roeder, an American-born citizen, less than a year ago. He said that there were "quite a few" such permits outstanding among private citizens in the county.

"At the time we investigated Roeder's applications," Lieutenant Pitt explained, "he was one of the most respected citizens of Merrick, chief engineer of the Sperry Company, making bomb sights for the government, a member of several rifle clubs in the county and of the National Rifle Association."

Neither Nassau County police nor the FBI would comment on the reasons for allowing the permits to remain in force and the powder and guns untouched for ten days after Roeder's arrest, but it was assumed, without contradiction, that they had been hopeful some one would attempt to remove it and furnish a new avenue of investigation.

Most of the guns seized were of a small calibre such as might be in the arsenal of any small-arms fan, of whom there are thousands in the country.

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that well-handled air power, even in small quantities, could turn the tables in favour of any landing operations carried out in connection with naval bombardment.

Nazis' Stumbling Block

Immediate utilisation of Dakar for military operations against the Western Hemisphere by the Nazis would depend upon e imination of the British fleet, which would permit movement of men and supplies down the African coast.

Visualisation of future possibilities, however, is most important Given access to Algeria and Morocco, there is no reason why Nazi Germany cannot develop Dakar and provide land communication direct. Let us see what this would entail. For a long time France has had under consideration a trans-Saharan railway penetrating her vast African domain. The well-developed Algerian rail system, paralleling the Mediterranean coast and tapping the ports of Oran, Algiers, Philippeville, Bone, Biserta and Tunis, links southward with a line running to Touggourt. Thence the way has been projected through the desert, via the outposts of Forts Flatters and Laperrine, to Timbuctoo, thence down the Niger River to Koulikoro, where an existing railway runs to Dakar. Motor travel by this route is already practicable, though it is very tough going.

Unlimited Manpower Needed

The gap to be bridged by rail is some 2,000 miles. The total distance is roughly 2,600. Given German efficiency and engineering ability, plus unlimited use of man power both in the shape of native and, if necessary, prisoner-of-war and slave labour from the populations of occupied Europe, the project is quite feasible.

Another route might well be from Columb Bechar, end of steel in southwestern Algeria, down the Wadi Draa to the Rio de Oro border, then southwest along the desert to the coast and St. Louis, thence by rail to Dakar. Good motor roads through French Morocco, via the oasis of Tafilelt to Columb Bechar, exist. It is possible to motor to-day from Tafilelt to St. Louis; it is far from a pleasure jaunt, of course, but it can be done.

The important point in all this speculation is that, given French acquiescence, a Nazi motorised or mechanised column could march overland to Dakar from the southern Mediterranean littoral in sufficient strength to occupy the place. Admitting this possibility, it can be seen that possession of Dakar shifts from an academic question to one of self-preservation, when viewed by anti-Axis eyes.

Which brings us sharply back to the necessity that Dakar remain either in the hands of French forces, which will not only maintain neutrality, but can protect that neutrality, or that it come into "protective custody" of the British Empire or its allies. It is a question of vital interest to both the United States and Britain.

NAZIS THREATEN BISHOP'S WIFE

The Germans in Norway continue to take extraordinary measures to prevent the publication of the pastoral letter of the Norwegian bishops, in which they criticise the Quisling administration, says the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

The wife of the Bishop of Tromso was threatened with arrest by German military police if the bishop read the letter while preaching recently in Tromso. The Germans marched into the church and took her outside.

When she stated that she did not know whether the letter would be read or not they allowed her to reenter the church and went in themselves to take note of what the bishop said.

U.S. WOMEN RAID VICTIMS

The American Ambulance Corps suffered their first fatalities when two drivers, Mrs. M. Butler and Mrs. H. M. Richardson, were killed recently in a night raid.

Mrs. Butler joined the Service in October.

GOEBBELS TELLS

Germany's air raid precautions to-day are no longer a matter to joke about, but one of "bloody seriousness" as protection against the attacks of the enemy.

Goebbels gave this warning recently at a reception in Berlin to A.R.P. delegates from all over the country. It was broadcast by all German stations.

Goebbels protested against U.S. opinion that the English are of harder stuff than the Germans. "We sacrificed," he said, "two million dead and several hundred thousand children who starved to death during the war."

But he admitted: "It still remains to be seen what sacrifice the German people will be able to bear under its leadership of to-day.

"We have all reason to be proud of the attitude of the German people. Many of you have been decorated and many bear the scars received in air raids.

"Suffered Heavily"

"Some of our districts have so far been spared or suffered only slightly, but others again have suffered heavily.

"It may to-day be more comfortable to live in one of the districts which were not touched, but after the war it will be an honour to have lived in a district which was in the middle of the attack.

"We used to differentiate between the front and the home land. To-day the boundaries between these two zones are often non-existent.

"How will it be possible to speak of Kiel, Bremen and Hamburg? They are in the very midst of the front.

"During the heavy air attacks you are always risking your life, your property and your family like the soldiers."

AGAIN SHE DARES SEA TO WED

Undaunted by a mid-ocean escape from a U-boat sinking when on her way to wed in South Africa, Lavina Ainley, 21, is making plans to sail again.

Her first ship was torpedoed and shelled in the Atlantic. Lavina's wedding dress, trousseau and presents — including glass and silver — went down with it.

Lavina spent twenty-one hours in a boat. Then she was rescued and brought back to England. Immediately she decided to start all over again.

She cabled her fiance saying she would be coming out for the wedding on the first available boat.

More Presents

"And I mean that," she said, "although my family are begging me not to risk the voyage a second time.

"Some of my friends are insisting on giving me their presents all over again, so I'm taking a second batch with me. But this time I'll buy my trousseau when I get there."

Lavina is a Liverpool nurse, and she is to wed Mr. Hermann C. Van Den Berg, Liverpool footballer, in South Africa.

Wearing her sister's frock, her face still tanned from the fierce sun during her twenty-one hours in a lifeboat, she told a reporter: "I became engaged to Hermann a year ago. When he returned home to join the South African Air Force I promised to follow him in May."

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

THE INITIAL ERROR
By The Four Aces

"Please tell us where we went wrong," writes Mrs. G. M. H., of St. Elmo, Ill. "As you can see, it was a grand slam in spades; yet we played it only for game

West, Dealer
Both sides, vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 9 5 3 2
♡ 9 7
◇ —
♣ A K Q 9 4 3

WEST
♠ J 10
♡ K Q J 4 2
◇ A K 8 4
♣ 6 2

EAST
♠ 8 7
♡ 10 8 3
◇ J 9 6 5 2
♣ J 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K Q 6 4
♡ A 6 5
◇ Q 10 7 3
♣ 10 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♡	2♣	Pass	2♠
3♡	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"Even if North had jumped to four spades, South would not have bid the grand slam. How should the bidding have gone?"

We think that North underbid all the way through. Surely when South voluntarily bids two spades, North should make sure of getting to game by raising to four spades! But even that would not lead to a slam contract. And for that, the initial error is responsible.

When North mildly bids two clubs over West's opening bid, South has no way of knowing that the North hand is tremendously powerful. North's failure to make a very strong bid at his first chance brands his hand as only moderately strong no matter what he does later on. North must get off on the right foot by doubling one heart.

After a double by North, South would take out with one spade (almost with two spades). North would then jump to four spades, being willing to play for game if South has nothing but four small spades and no high-card strength. Since South has so much more than four small spades, she would then make some slam try—such as five hearts. And once South shows ability to take care of hearts, North would go all the way to six spades. Reaching seven is pretty difficult and depends as much on an optimistic temperament as on skill.

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Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3
♡ A Q 7 3 2
◇ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	2◇
Pass	2♡	Pass	3◇
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. Although your partner was not strong enough to go to no-trump, raise hearts, jump rebid diamonds, or bid another suit, he must still have a good hand for his vulnerable overcall. Your hand is good enough for a second try for game.

Score 100% for four diamonds, 40% for five diamonds, 30% for three hearts, 20% for pass.

Question No. 793

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 5
♡ K J 7 3 2
◇ A Q 9
♣ 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
1♣	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CATHOLICS AND NAZIS

Roman Catholic bishops in Greater Germany, in a pastoral letter, appeal to the adherents of the Church to hold fast to their faith at a time when "the existence or non-existence of Christianity in Germany is at stake."

They assail Nazi activities against the Church, and cite an unnamed book, in which readers are told that Germany faces the choice between Christ and the Fatherland.

"To combat such tendencies," the pastoral letter continues; "Catholics must make each home a House of God."

The letter praises the German soldiers, and states that the Church is loyal to the Government, and gladly shoulders the burdens of the times, but the sacrifices have their limits when it comes to a question of compromising the Faith.

As the first bitter protest read from the pulpits during the war, the letter had a startling effect among Roman Catholics.

U.S. Bishop's Attack

Bishop Joseph Hurley, a high-ranking Roman Catholic dignitary, in a national broadcast from Washington, said the war was no longer a diplomatic or political affair, but had entered the zone of strategy, and that President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. forces, rather than Congress, should decide whether and when the United States should enter the war against Germany.

Nazi sympathisers in the United States, he proceeded, were trying to picture the war between Russia and Germany as a holy crusade against Communism, but the bald facts were that Germany, in violation of a treaty, had launched an unprovoked and undeclared war of aggression against the Communists—their former partners in crime. The recluse of Berchtesgaden (Hitler) was hardly suited for the role of Peter the Hermit. The Nazi remained enemy No. 1 of America and the world.

[Peter the Hermit was a French preacher, who was a priest at Amiens when Pope Urban, in 1095, declared the first crusade. Peter, who was only one of the many wandering preachers who urged on the crusade, led one band of Crusaders from Cologne to Constantinople, and eventually reached the Holy Land.]

REPLY TO GERMAN LEAFLET

Photographs of the leaflets which the German pilot dropped over a village in the east of England, have been published in several newspapers, which remind readers of the difference between this treatment and that given by the Germans to British leaflets.

[The leaflets, printed in English, dealt with the Battle of the Atlantic, and quoted facts given by President Roosevelt and figures of British tonnage sunk.]

It is pointed out that Germans who more than glance at such leaflets are lucky to escape with their life, showing the profound mistrust in which Hitler holds his people. The publicity given here to the German leaflets shows the trust in which Britons hold one another.

The German statements can easily be refuted. Four out of five are false, and the fifth irrelevant.

In the first place, the claim that German U-boats, bombers, and Fleet sunk and seriously damage between 700,000 and 1,000,000 tons of British and Allied shipping a month is grossly exaggerated, as shown by figures released by the Admiralty. Even if damaged ships are added—and these are not known by the enemy—the leaflet claim is not reached.

Defence Against Bombing

The Germans claim that all attempts to find a defence against U-boat and bomber have failed. Attempts to find a satisfactory means of defence against submarines, however, are stated to have been successful, and defence against bombing attacks is steadily improving.

President Roosevelt did say, as the Germans claim, that Britain and America can build only two ships for every five sunk, but the Germans do not mention that it was made as a spur to further shipbuilding efforts, and not a confession of impotence, as the leaflet represents.

According to facts stated in the leaflets, the population of Britain has half the ration the Germans get. British and German rations, on paper, are roughly equivalent, but the German rations are only kept at the present figure by loot from the occupied countries. The German rations are deficient in many important factors.

The German claim that Britain cannot feed all her population is not now, but is relevant only if the German boast that supplies are cut off is well founded.

D.F.C. NIGHT FIGHTING

Squadron - Leader Charles Arthur Pritchard, formerly of Manildra, New South Wales, is the first Australian-born pilot to win the D.F.C. for success as a night fighter pilot.

He is serving with the Royal Air Force and has destroyed at least two enemy raiders during night attacks and damaged three others.

The Australian Minister for Air, Mr. McEwen, said that Squadron-Leader Pritchard's daring leadership and brilliant tactics had been a source of inspiration and encouragement to his fellow pilots.

Squadron - Leader Pritchard's record was most impressive. Mr. McEwen added. His persistence in night attacks had resulted in a decided advance in this new military science.

Mr. McEwen said that several R.A.A.F. pilots trained under the Empire Air Training scheme had been posted to a night fighting station. They were using the latest Beau Fighters.

The opinion had already been expressed, he added, that the daring temperament of Australians made them particularly suited for the task of ridding the United Kingdom of the night raider.

"KIPPS" AS FILM

Nearly half a century ago H. G. Wells set his famous novel "Kipps" in Victorian Folkestone. Now the 20th Century-Fox Corporation have filmed it, and as a compliment to the town which has grandly taken what came Folkestone was chosen for the world premiere.

The audience could not have been in happier mood, and the local allusions, such as the the snobbish young woman's line. "A place like Folkestone values people for sheer vulgar prosperity," aroused uproarious merriment.

"Kipps," produced at Shepherd's Bush by Edward Black and directed by Carol Reed, is a comedy of lower middle-class manners, very well acted by Michael Redgrave, Diana Wynyard and Phyllis Calvert. The three principals had come from London for the occasion and had a very warm reception.

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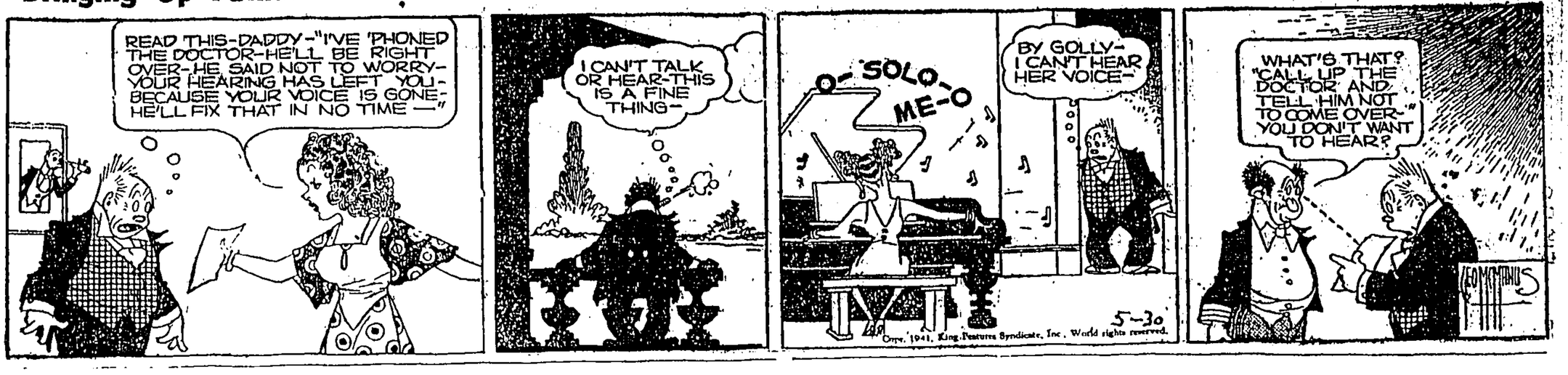

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Preserve Femininity

There is no reason for lady athletes to look athletic, in the opinion of lovely Novotna, soprano star of the Metropolitan, who is herself a sports enthusiast.

Bulging muscles, an angular figure, sun scorched hair and prune-textured skin are not lovely for a woman to possess and Novotna, (whose athletic achievements rival her singing talent) urges young girls to avoid them. She knows a girl can have her sports and hold her beauty too!

"Before I go out for any sport," says this crack rifle shot, tournament tennis player, golfer in the low 70s and skilled horsewoman, "I cover my skin with a protective oil of the anti-sunburn variety, and put pomade on my lips. When I come in, I again apply soothing oils and creams to my skin especially about my eyes. My hair is always protected from the sun by a hat or bandana and twice a month I take hot olive oil shampoos to counteract dryness. Brushing and scalp massage are part of my daily routine."

To Prevent Unlovely Muscle

"You may think it strange to exercise at home to 'undo' the exercise of sports, but I do."

Novotna is tall and slim with pleasing curves, and her skin is gardenia-like in texture and colouring. No one would ever dream that she is also an expert ski-er who makes Christies, jumps and telemarks seem like child's play! She believes in what she calls the "percussion exercises" by which one bumps and thwacks away fatty and hardened tissue which strenuous sports might develop. Here are several which youthful athletes might practice to advantage:

Lovely singing bird, Novotna, is also an accomplished sports woman, but not at the price of her beauty! She is decidedly feminine in her appearance.

The Calf Slap: Sit on the floor legs straight, hands on the floor behind you. Bend the right knee up as high as it will go, keeping heel on the floor and toes pointing to ceiling. Slide it vigorously forward until it is again in straight position slapping the calf of the leg on the floor as hard as you can. As the right leg goes down the left knee is brought up—a movement which imitates a child pedaling a toy automobile. Remember to bang down your calf each time. Repeat 50 to 100 times, rapidly.

The Hip Throw: Stretch out on the floor with arms extended at sides, shoulder high, chin in, knees bent, feet on floor. Raise your hips from the floor and throw both bent knees down right as hard as you can making a resounding thump. Raise hips again and throw knees down left, hard. Repeat rapidly 75 times to bang off hip and thigh bulges. (Over-weights, please copy!)

The Arm Thump: Lie on floor, legs straight, arms at side, chin in. Bend arms and touch shoulders with fingertips. Bring elbows together in front and then thump upper arms down on floor smartly. Repeat this fifty times at least. This reduces bulges magically.

The seasoned golfer says a cup he never misses is the one at the nineteenth hole.

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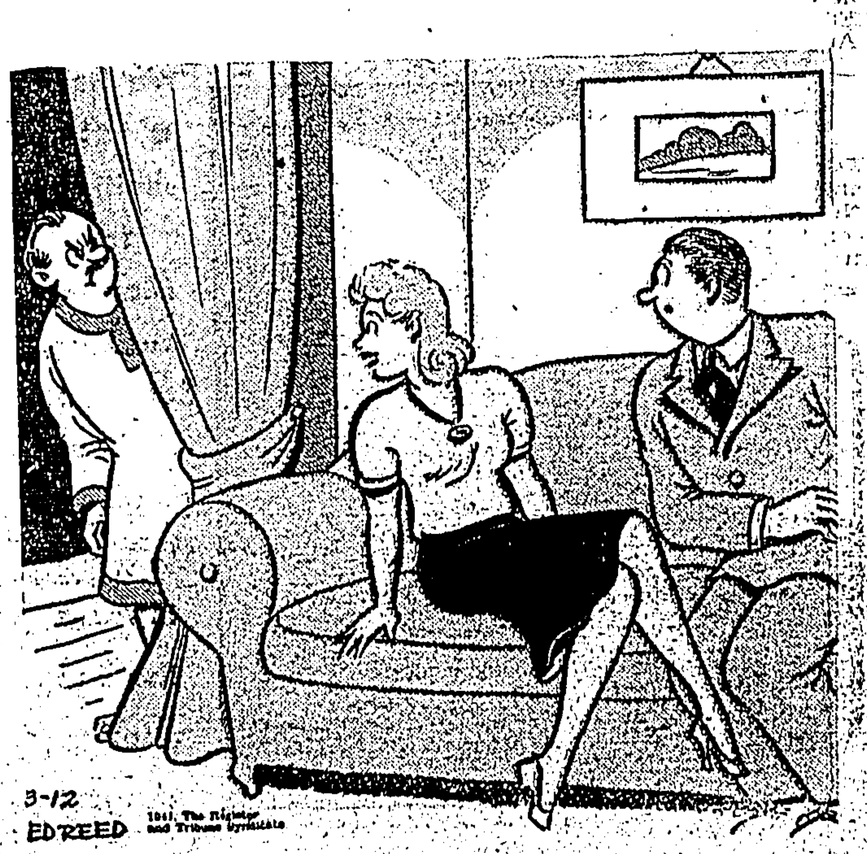

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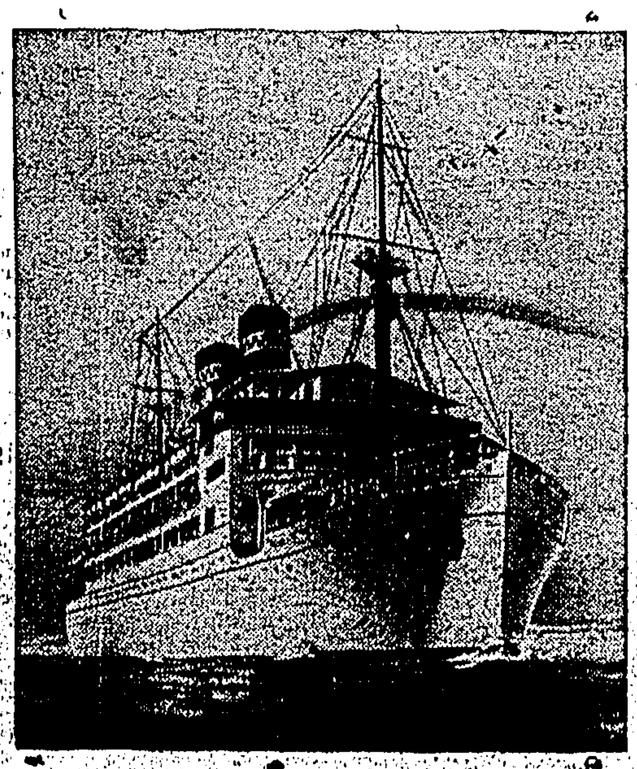

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—A Light French Programme with Albert Prejean (Vocal).
Si Vous Voyiez Celle Que J'Aime; Toujours Content De Moi (Jane Bos & Louis Billaut)....Albert Prejean with Orchestra.
Tiroly—Java Accordeon; Joli Pinson—Polka Accordeon (Deprince)....L'Accordeoniste Deprince et son Orchestre.
La Guinguette A Ferme Ses Volets (Montague & Zwingel); Chanson De Halage (Lenoir & Claude)....Damia with Orchestra.
Mia Piccolina—Slow Fox; Rien Qu'Un Chant D'Amour—Valse....L'Accordeoniste Deprince et son Orchestre.
Signorina ("Voyage de Noce") (Boyer)....Albert Prejean with Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Scenes from Noel Coward's "To-night at 8.30".
Scene from "Red Peppers"—Intro: "Has Anybody Seen Our Ship" and "Men About Town". Scene from "Shadow Play"—Intro: "Then"; "Play Orchestra, Play" and "You Were There". Scene from "Family Album"—"Here's A Toast" and "The Musical Box"—Intro: "Hearts and Flowers"....Gertrude Lawrence, Noel Coward and Company acc. by The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra conducted by Clifford Greenwood.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.46 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m. — The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Paul Robeson (Bass).
"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1 (Liszt)....Serge Koussevitzky & Boston Symphony Orchestra.
The Black Emperor; Lonely Road (both from "Song of Freedom"—Eric Ansell)....Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
The Enchanted Lake (Liadow)....Serge Koussevitzky & Boston Symphony Orchestra.
Canoe Song (from film "Sanders of the River" — Wimperis) .... Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
7.17 p.m.—'Cello Solos by Emanuel Feuermann.
Tango (Albeniz—Op. 165 No. 2, arr. Kreisler); Orientale (Kaleidoscope—Op. 50 No. 9); Gavotta and Allegro (from "Sonata"—Valentini, arr. Piatti); Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still (Wrighton).
7.30 p.m.—Half an Hour with Mozart.
Ten Variations in G Major .... Lili Kraus (Piano solo); Don Giovanni—Il Mio Tesoro Intanto (To My Beloved, Hasten!); Turkish March ....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra; L'Epreuve D'Amour....The London Philharmonic Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
A Country Girl—Vocal Gems (Ross and Monckton)....Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
The Land Of Smiles — Selection (Lehar)....London Theatre Orch.
The Quaker Girl—Vocal Gems (Monckton)....The Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Afraid To Say Hello (Taylor & Arlen); My Sister And I (Kramer, Whitney, Zaret)....Bea Wain with Orchestra.
Piano—Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: I'm Stepping Out With A Memory Tonight; All The Things You Are (Hammerstein—Kern); Until You Fall In Love (Popplewell—Carr). Waltz Medley—Intro: The Rose Of Tralee; All Alone (Berlin); By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates)....Eddie Carroll with String Bass.
Monologue—Yorkshire Pudding (Weston & Lee)....Stanley Holloway with Piano.
Vocal & Piano—Yesterday's Dreams (from film "Gasbags"); Down Ev'ry Street (Noel — Pelosi) .... "Hutch" (L. A. Hutchinson).
Theremin & Piano—Lover Come Back To Me (from "New Moon"); Dancing With Tears In My Eyes (Dubin)....Lennington Shewell with Piano.
Vocal—You Do Something To Me (Cole Porter); You Go To My Head (Coots, Gillespie) .... Marlene Dietrich with Orchestra.
Humorous—The Lodger ("Thanking You" — Greatrex Newman) .... Greatrex Newman presents "The Fol-De-Rols".
Vocal—Bluebird of Happiness (Heyman—Harmati) .... John Charles Thomas (Baritone) with Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ.
Medley of Serenades—Intro: Frasquita (Lehar); Serenade (Heykens); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade ("Student Prince"—Romberg).
Escapade—A Mexican Elopement (Phillips).
Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—A Programme of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—The Karlstad Ball; The Hut-Sut Song....Freddy Martin & his Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trots—Scatterbrain; One Sweet Letter From You....Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.
Tangos—Crepuscule; Por Que?....Geraldo & his Gaucho Tango Orch.
Fox-Trots—Sing A Song of Spring; You Mean So Much To Me....Freddy Martin's Orchestra.
Six-Eight—Entente Cordiale; Quick-Step—Little Boy Bubbles....Jack "Trump" Doyle & his Aces of Rhythm.
Fox-Trot—When I Dream Of You, I Dream Of Old Hawaii; Waltz—Dreamy Moana Nights....Charles Kaina & his Moana Hawaiians.
Quick-Steps—The Best Things In Life Are Free; There's Joy In Your Heart Coming Home....Billy Cotton & his Band.
11.00 p.m.—London—"Britain To-day." Discussion.
11.15 p.m.—Closing down.

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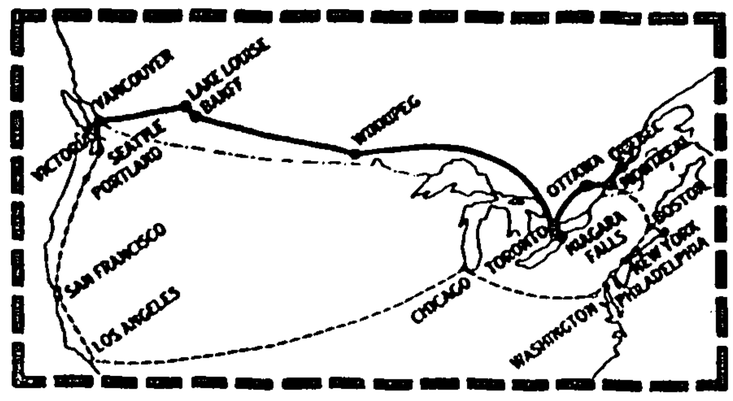

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The Dover Patrol, which won fame in the Great War, is again carrying on its good work, upon which some light has been thrown for the first time by Mr. Harold Dingman, of the British United Press, who says that the patrol is mostly composed of youngsters who think their life one of the finest in the world.

"They have been shelled, bombed, machine-gunned, and mined," says Mr. Dingman, "but work ceaselessly, day and night, sweeping mines, doing rescue work, charting old wrecks, finding new ones, and doing any odd job.

"Some days pass uneventfully. During others shells come shrieking from France, or divebombers hurtle out of the sky. There is no time to think when a 'plane roars down at 400 miles an hour. The men use their guns instinctively, and have brought down many raiders.

"One day a young lieutenant, with a name famous in Irish history, took a seaman and sculled for 100 yards through heavy seas from a little bay to a buoy needing repair. Here he made a dangerous leap, tossed a rope back to the seaman, worked for half an hour in a perilous position, and jumped back into the dinghy.

"I spent the day on a little ship which ploughed up and down the Straits doing repairs which might mean saving a British or German pilot who crashed into the sea.

"A steel ladder is attached to every [illegible] so that a pilot can climb to safety, while lashed to every wreck jutting up out of the water are water, food, whisky, cigarettes, and even clothing.

"The Germans recently launched big steel rafts, containing a chamber with supplies to keep several [illegible] alive for several days. There is even a wireless signalling set. If a raft is found broken from its moorings, it is taken to port for investigation, is repaired, reprovisioned, and again dropped in the sea."

FROM SHOP BOY TO STORE CHIEF

Sir Sydney Martyn Skinner, chairman for many years of John Barker and Co., Kensington, who has died at East Grinstead, Sussex, aged 76, had a romantic commercial career.

He played a big part in the development of Kensington High Street into a leading shopping centre.

When 10 years old he was accustomed to work from 6.45 a.m. until 11 p.m. He sold goods outside a shop in Deptford High Street, his reward being a cup of cocoa and some cheese. He slept under the counter and walked home next morning.

At 19, having finished a five years' apprenticeship to the drapery trade, he toured Europe with £50, and returned three month later with 3s 6d in his pocket.

His great business ability led to his becoming a director of John Barker and Co. in 1905. He was responsible for many big developments, became a forceful president of the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors, the Drapers' Chamber of Trade and other organisations, and in addition did much municipal work, particularly in education.

His long experience enabled him to make many pointed comments on trade trends, and his views were always followed with interest.

Sir Sydney married Emelie Madeline, daughter of Mr. Samuel Belling, of Bodmin, Cornwall, in 1902. He was knighted in 1922.

Lady Skinner survives her husband with one son and one daughter.

DESTROY NAZI TOWNS - VICAR

Destroy a dozen German towns. A London vicar whose church has been burned down by enemy bombs advocated this in a sermon recently. He said:

"We shall not end this war till we show the Germans that war does not pay. It can only be done by destroying a dozen of their principal towns."

The Rev. F. C. Baker, vicar of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, gave this as one reason for supporting war weapons week — so that when we have enough weapons we can teach the Germans "the long-delayed lesson they must learn."

DARING ESCAPE FROM CRETE

Dramatic stories by troops of their experiences during the Crete evacuation are still coming to light.

The latest is the story of the escape of a party of 77 soldiers and airmen from Crete by crossing the Mediterranean to North Africa in an abandoned boat which was designed for calm, coastal waters. The voyage took three days.

A Queensland sergeant air gunner said "My aircraft had to make a forced landing on a beach in Crete, and the three members of the crew and myself cleared away from the machine.

Not far away we found some army and R.A.F. personnel awaiting evacuation. Next evening another British aircraft made a forced landing and its crew joined us.

"Eventually we met some English and Australian troops, and decided to launch a flat-bottomed landing craft which was washed up on the beach. That evening we got away in this craft, and set a course for Africa. We had a gale all the way. Most of us were seasick.

"Next morning was sighted a submarine, and it opened fire across our bows and stopped us, and our senior officer was ordered to leave. He swam to the submarine, which later came alongside and took off all the officers except one wounded Australian. The submarine commander then told us we were free but must return to Crete.

"Instead, we again set our course for North Africa, and arrived within four miles of the place to which we were navigating."

A.R.P. WORKERS' HOSPITAL

Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, on behalf of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, opened the first convalescent hospital for A.R.P. and other civil defence workers.

The hospital, in the Home Counties, is at a house lent by Mr. and Mrs. R. Dumas, friends of Lord Horder. It can take 50 patients, and 17 and there now.

The hospital is an enlargement of a scheme to rest war-weary civil defence workers who were invited to stay in private houses.

"I read some of the letters from people who stayed in these houses," said Sir Philip Chetwode, "and they made a hardened old soldier like myself swallow and half cry."

The only woman patient, Miss Elsie Mays, who is attached to a Bayswater first-aid unit, was off duty when she was injured.

"I was hoping to be back on duty next week," she said, "but I am told it will take longer."

An A.F.S. member, Mr. A. R. Smith, who has lost five members of his family in raids, said: "I am going back to my post."

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Gallantry of merchant ships' crews who repulsed submarine and air attacks and in many cases brought their vessels safely into port after hazardous voyages is recognised by awards announced in the "London Gazette."

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The official report states: "The master ordered the gunner to hold his fire till the enemy came within effective range. Shots were exchanged, and the ship's second and fifth rounds were hits. The submarine did not fire again."

Capt. John Edwin Watson, who becomes an O.B.E., and whose second mate, Mr. Stanley Stuart Howie, is made an M.B.E., took part in an exciting battle with a submarine.

Submarine Hit

The submarine attacked with rapid gunfire. Capt. Watson returned the fire, and the submarine was hit more than once, but Capt. Watson, who was wounded, had to give orders to abandon ship.

His vessel was torpedoed and began to sink quickly. The survivors were rescued.

Another ship, although bombed and machine-gunned, reached port, and for this exploit Capt. William Royal Thomas becomes an O.B.E.

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ALL FOUR OF CLUB DE RECREIO'S TEAMS IN THE LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE WILL BE ENGAGED THIS WEEK-END, AND THOUGH ONLY TWO CHANGES ARE NOTED IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION "A" TEAM, THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER IN THE OTHER COMBINATIONS.

J. F. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves will have the same "A" rinks as last week, but R. F. Luz will return to the side as skip in the third rink, displacing A. P. Guterres, who will return to the "B" team. Luz will lead Soares, C. M. Silva and F. V. V. Ribeiro. Last week Guterres led Soares, Silva, C. G. Silva.

Their "B" match against K.C.C. last week was postponed, and for the game this Saturday, against Police, Guterres will have the same rink as on August 2, when they played Craigengower. J. J. Basto will have C. H. Basto as No. 2 and L. J. Silva at No. 3 in place of O. P. Remedios and C. H. Basto. The third rink will again be skipped by E. Souza, who will have A. F. Noronha, who played No. 2 to him on August 2, as lead with O. P. Remedios coming into the No. 2 berth.

Pereira's New Rink

In Second Division A. P. Pereira, who led Roza, Sequeira and Soares last week, will have Osmund, Alves and Alarcon in his side this time, while Soares takes over a rink from M. A. Carvalho, with Rosario, Barros and Alves as his front men. The rink for Carvalho was the same, excepting that H. R. Pinna was at No. 3. C. C. Pereira will have a new team this Saturday, comprising Barros, Xavier and Remedios. Last week he led Cunha, C. P. Basto and F. Xavier.

Most changes are noted in the Third Division team. Mendonca will have G. A. Pinna and M. A. Guterres as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, instead of Campos and E. A. R. Alves, the latter going to the No. 3 position to Yvanovich to replace G. Guterres. Cunha, lead to C. C. Pereira in Second Division last week, will be Yvanovich's No. 1 in place of Almeida, while E. Alarcon will replace A. M. Silva at No. 2 in this rink.

In the third rink M. F. Pinna will skip instead of E. Alarcon, who goes over to Yvanovich's rink as No. 2. Pinna will have as his front men G. A. Pinna, F. P. Sequeira and A. A. Roza, as against Alarcon's last week's rink of Ferreira, Alves and G. Guterres.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division "A" (v Indian R.C., home):—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier and J. F. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Soares, C. M. Silva, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (skip); F. M. Silva, C. Roza-Pereira, J. E. Noronha and H. A. Alves (skip).

First Division "B" (v Police R.C., home):—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, L. J. Silva and J. J. Basto (skip); A. F. Noronha, O. P. Remedios, J. C. Remedios and E. Souza (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. M. Guterres (skip).

Second Division (v Craigengower C.C., away):—A. J. Osmund, C. M. S. Alves, M. Alarcon, A. P. Pereira (skip); L. A. Rosario, A. V. Barros, H. R. Pinna and J. R. Soares (skip); E. L. Barros, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (skip).

Third Division (v Indian R.C., away):—E. Cunha, E. Alarcon, G. Guterres and P. A. Yvanovich (skip); G. A. Pinna, F. P. Sequeira, A. A. Roza and M. F. Pinna (skip); R. Campos, E. A. R. Alves, H. M. Xavier and M. Mendonca (skip).

ST. LEGER HOPES AT LANARK

Lord Rosebery's Ptolemy, which is considered to have a good outsider's chance in the St. Leger, will have a stiff test when it participates in the historic "Silver Bell," one of England's oldest turf events at Lanark next Saturday.

The "Silver Bell" is said to have been started by William the Lion of Scotland over 700 years ago and has been included in all Lanark programmes since.

Other St. Leger candidates entered include Turkana, which finished second in the Oaks, and Camperdown, which finished seventh in the Derby.

Little Business

The first call-over on the St. Leger, which will be run on September 6, attracted little interest and there was practically no business.

The Derby winner, Owen Tudor, was offered at 9 to 2 and was the favourite, but was not supported. Only four horses, Devonian, Chateau la Rose, Royalist and Bakhtawar excited medium or minor wagers.

Devonian finished up second favourite at 15 to 2, Chateau la Rose 9—1, while Royalist and Bakhtawar were both quoted at 100 to 7.

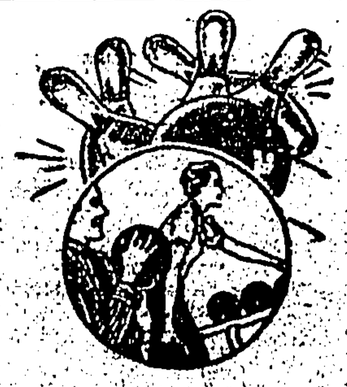
Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over at Victoria Club:

Owen Tudor 9-2, o; 15/2 t.
Devonian 8/1 o, 9/1 t.
Chateau la Rose 11/1 o, 100/9 t.
Mazarin 100 to 7.
Sun Castle 100-7 o.
Dancing Time 100-7 o.
Orthodox 100/7, o.
Royalist 100-6, t and o.
Bakhtawar 100-6 t and o.
Thoroughfare 18-1.
Firozedin 18/1.
Starwort 20/1.
Ptolemy 25-1.
Lambert Simnel 25/1.
Fettes 33/1.
Camperdown 40-1.
Turkana 40-1.
Sollum 40/1.

Royal Academy, Cuerfley and Felous all offered.—Reuter.

European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Committee will meet this evening at 6.30 in the West Lounge, when the remainder of the season's programme will be discussed.



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U.S.S. Mindanao baseball team, winners of the Baseball League championship and Bagram Shield for the second year in succession. Standing (left to right) are McKenzie, Bowersox, Tony Mascavage, Daniels and Moore. Front row (left to right):—Groneck, Ruel, Lt. McGlynn, E. V. Wilson and Lou Pawloski, the captain.

Rowing Meeting This Evening

By "Incog."

At a committee meeting of Rowing Section, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, to be held this evening, the date for the annual meeting will be fixed.

Present indications are that the programme for the next rowing season will be very much on the lines of that for last season, with four rowing regattas off Middle Island as the outstanding events of the year.

In conversation yesterday one of the members of the Rowing Section deplored the lack of interest in rowing amongst the other clubs in the Colony, remarking that it was a great pity that Victoria Recreation Club, who once took such a prominent part in this form of sport, have allowed interest in it to be relegated so much into the background as to make rowing almost non-existent at V.R.C. today.

Efforts will be made to stir up enough interest amongst members of the Volunteers, it is understood, as to make inter-Unit competitions possible, and as not a few members of V.R.C. are also in the Volunteers, a revival in rowing at this club may be brought about in this manner.

SUMMER HOCKEY SERIES

Following so closely the report that the football grounds at Lyemun are being returfed, the news that the authorities at Stanley are contemplating putting the cricket pitch in good condition would indicate that the Artillery are catering for sport in a big way this year.

Apart from looking ahead, making preparations for the Winter season, those responsible for the "Sports Orders" at Stanley have drafted a "summer hockey programme" for the Indian troops, games to be played in the evenings. The tournament will start shortly, and eight teams have entered, with the promise of some really excellent games as the standard of hockey amongst the Indian troops here is considered to be above Club average.

ACE PARKER BREAKS LEG SECOND TIME

CLARENCE (ACE) PARKER, OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL PLAYER IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE ALTHOUGH HE PLAYED PART OF THE SEASON WITH AN IRON BRACE ON A BROKEN RIGHT LEG, HAS BROKEN HIS LEFT LEG IN A BASEBALL GAME.

Dr. W. P. Herbert, who treated Parker at Mission Hospital, said Parker's ankle was dislocated and that the fibula, the outer and smaller bone of his leg, was broken two inches above the ankle.

He said he believed Parker would recover fully from the injury as he did the first, and said he believed his football career would not be impaired.

Identical Break

Dr. Herbert said the break was almost idential with the one Parker suffered in May last year.

Ace, Brooklyn Dodger star and former All-America back at Duke University, plays left field for Portsmouth in the Piedmont League. He singled to left field and was trying to steal second when the accident occurred. He started his slide into the base too late, caught his spikes in the sack and pitched forward on his stomach instead of sliding on his hip.

ARMY WATER-POLO SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the Large Units Water-Polo Knock-out Competition were decided in the Army Pool yesterday, when Royal Scots beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., by 3 goals to 1 and Signals beat Middlesex 2—1.

Millar, Byrne and Laws scored for Royals and Molyneaux for the Gunners.

In the other match goal-scorers were Dignan (2) for Signals and Hymas (Middlesex).

SHANGHAI AQUATIC PROSPECTS

The Shanghai swimming championship season opens with the A.S.F. gala on Saturday, August 16, and interest in Shanghai aquatic circles now centres on the four events scheduled for this occasion—the men's 220 Yards free-style, the men's 100 Yards breast-stroke, the ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke and the ladies' 50 Yards back-stroke, writes the "North China Daily News."

Although the absence of Jackie Lumsdaine, the sensational young swimmer who shattered all local back-stroke records during the past two seasons, and the retirement of such veterans as Archie Logan and Louie Oliveira, will be keenly felt this year, it is confidently expected that Shanghai's younger blood will keep the colours of the sport flying high as in the past.

Breast-Stroke Certainty

In the absence of Dick Hall—whose record-breaking performances in the breast-stroke matched those of Jackie Lumsdaine — Alex Grebenschikoff should be a certainty to win the 100 Yards breast-stroke event. One or two Chinese swimmers, however, are expected to give him stiff competition, while Jackie Dodd of the Rowing Club is another strong contender for premier honours.

The men's 220 Yards free-style is a very open affair this year. Charles Huang has now returned to Hong Kong and unless some now star has risen on the local swimming horizon in the meantime, it would appear that the race is anybody's meat.

Lady Stars

In the two ladies' events—the 50 Yards breast-stroke and 50 Yards back-stroke—the Misses Jill Peach and Doreen Gray are last year's record-breakers and should be favoured to establish further marks.

The A.S.F. Gala will be followed by the French Club Gala on Saturday, August 23, the Rowing Club Gala on Saturday, August 30, and the Foreign "Y" Gala on Saturday, September 6.

VALLEY GOLF RESULTS

Following are the results, to date, in the Second Summer Foursomes, at Happy Valley Golf Course:—

J. M. Thomson and N. J. Booker beat A. McKellar and F. Hillon, 7 and 6;

T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys, 3 and 1;

G. E. Willerton and T. J. Price, received a walk-over from D. Wass and J. W. Macdonald;

H. H. Mundy and W. Stoker beat J. A. D. Morrison and F. D. Hunter, 1 up.

Mr. C. T. Ferguson, a famous athlete for many years, died at St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney, recently at the age of 65. He was a field games exponent, and won many State championships and competitions. Joining the South Sydney Club in 1908, he became hon. treasurer, and later transferred to the Police Club. He was one of the organisers of the first Police and Firemen's carnival in 1912. For some years he was chairman of the Amateur Athletic Association council.

TO-DAY'S AQUATICS

Royal Corps of Signals are holding a swimming gala this afternoon at the Army Pool, commencing at 3 p.m.

It is understood that a number of useful cricketers will be coming up from Malaya to join Hong Kong University when it re-opens after the Summer vacation. No names are thus far available, but one of the undergraduates now resident at University states that he has received news to the effect that three or four really good players will be coming.

LEACH'S RECORD FOR THE FASTEST 50 STILL STANDS

Shanghai Cricket Club's Wanderers, and their other team in Shanghai Cricket League, Stragglers, share top place in the League Tables at the moment, each having secured maximum points for five matches. Recreation Club's Tyros are third, having lost two games in five, while Police, Recs' Colts and Parsees, in that order, are the other teams in the competition.

A. V. T. Dean, Stragglers, who scored 102 retired against Police last week, obtained his first 50 in 60 minutes and the second 50 in exactly half that time.

Donald Leach, who scored 62 for Wanderers against Recs' Colts, holds the record for the fastest 50 of the season so far, his 76 not out recently against Parsees including 50 in only 38 minutes. It should be noted that the second fifty in any innings does not count in the race for the Cup for the fastest 50 in League Cricket.

Following are the best feats in the League to date:

A. V. T. Dean ..... 102 retd.
(First 50 in 60 mins. Second 50 in 30 mins.)*

D. W. Leach ..... 76 not out
(First 50 scored in 38 mins.)
B. B. Boddy 74
F. A. Pitts 73
D. W. Leach 62
F. R. Kermani 59
M. J. Divecha 59
H. P. Madan 59
J. T. Allen 58
A. F. Gomes 55
A. C. Sinclair ..... 51 not out
* (Second 50 does not count in Cup race)

BOWLING

G. B. Elliot ..... 8 for 18
A. Boissevee ..... 7 for 16
F. R. Kermani ..... 7 for 19
B. B. Boddy ..... 7 for 44
F. R. Kermani ..... 7 for 33
J. C. Jenkins ..... 6 for 37
M. Barma ..... 6 for 41
P. Madar ..... 6 for 73
H. E. Orr ..... 5 for 21
G. B. Elliot ..... 5 for 44
S. E. Shroff ..... 5 for 55
N. Hart-Baker ..... 5 for 27
J. C. Jenkins ..... 5 for 12

Qualification:—Batting scores of 50 and over; Bowling five wickets and over.

Dave Crowley knocked out Tony Ryan (Glasgow) in the third round at High Wycombe recently.

GUEST AND SMITH UPSET CHINESE R.C. IN TENNIS LEAGUE

ARMY TENNIS CLUB PROVIDED THE BIGGEST SURPRISE IN YESTERDAY'S PROGRAMME OF LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE GAMES WHEN THEY HELD CHINESE RECREATION CLUB TO A DRAW IN SECOND DIVISION AT CAUSEWAY BAY, DUE TO CAPT. GUEST AND SGT. SMITH, WHO WON ALL THEIR GAMES.

Chinese Recreation Club at last made a start in First Division when they beat Hong Kong Cricket Club easily. Civil Service registered their first points when they beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2, while in Fourth Division Craigengower Cricket Club maintained their challenge to South China by defeating Kowloon Indians.

Post Office Recreation Club easily accounted for Central British Association. The First Division game between University and Club de Recreio was postponed.

FIRST DIVISION

C.R.C. Win

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2 in First Division of Lawn Tennis League.

Lee Wai-tong and Y. C. Iu (C.R.C.) beat Lieut S Goodman and T J. Gould ..... 6—1
lost to I. Goldman and T. C. Monaghan ..... 5—7
beat G W Sewell and D M. MacDougall ..... 7—5
K. L. Ho and Y. Y. Lam (C.R.C.)
beat Goodman and Gould ..... 6—4
beat Goldman and Monaghan ... 6—3
lost to Sewell and MacDougall .. 3—6
O. L. Pang and K. C. Ng (C.R.C.)
beat Goodman and Gould ..... 6—1
beat Goldman and Monaghan .. 6—1
beat Sewell and MacDougall .... 6—2

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	A.	Pts.
I.R.C.	2	2	0	0	11	7	4
Recreio	3	2	1	0	16	11	4
S.C.A.A.	1	1	0	0	6	3	2
C.R.C.	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
K.C.C.	2	1	1	0	12	5	2
H.K.U.T.C.	1	0	1	0	3	6	0
H.K.C.C.	4	0	4	0	10	24	0

SECOND DIVISION

Civil Service's First Points

At Cox's Road Civil Service Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2 in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League.

F. Gross and N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.)
lost to I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall 5—7
lost to B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner ..... 4—6
beat C. Sloan and M. Yatskin .. 6—4
B. G. Baker and A. Gillard (K.C.C.)
lost to Agafuroff and Bendall .. 2—6
beat Agafuroff and Skinner ..... 6—4
lost to Sloan and Yatskin ..... 4—6
E. Zimmern and A. Zimmern (K.C.C.)
lost to Agafuroff and Bendall .. 1—6
lost to Agafuroff and Skinner .. 4—6
lost to Sloan and Yatskin ..... 2—6

C.R.C. Held

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club drew with Army Tennis Club in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League.

D. C. Luk and L. J. Hon (C.R.C.)
lost to Capt. Guest and Sgt. Smith 4—6
beat Capt. Hyde and Lieut. T. A. Pearce ..... 6—0
beat Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Denyer 6—3

S. W. Liang and K. T. Lai (C.R.C.)
lost to Guest and Smith ..... 5—7
beat Hyde and Pearce ..... 6—1
beat Megson and Denyer ..... 6—2
H. N. Chau and C. Wai (C.R.C.)
lost to Guest and Smith ..... 2—6
drew with Hyde and Pearce .... 6—6
lost to Megson and Denyer ..... 1—6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	25	2	6
C.R.C.	3	2	0	1	19	8	5
K.T.G.C.A.	4	2	2	0	17½	18½	4
K.C.C.	3	1	2	0	8½	13½	2
C.S.C.C.	4	1	3	0	11	25	2
A.T.C.	3	0	2	1	9	18	1

FOURTH DIVISION

Clean Sweep For C.C.C.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 9 sets to nil in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League.

Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.)
beat Y. J. Khan and C. M. Khan 6—3
beat A. H. Mehal and I. M. Ismail 6—0
beat K. Singh and N. Singh ... 6—1
T. K. Lin and M. C. Hung (C.C.C.)
beat Khan and Khan ..... 6—1
beat Mehal and Ismail ..... 6—0
beat Singh and Singh ..... 6—2
J. Wong and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.)
beat Khan and Khan ..... 6—0
beat Mehal and Ismail ..... 6—1
beat Singh and Singh ..... 6—2

P.O.R.C.'s Easy Win

At Caroline Hill, Post Office Recreation Club (1) beat Central British Association by 8 sets to 1 in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League.

J. Howlett and W. Morrison (P.O.R.C.)
drew with B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert ..... 6—6
beat D. Smith and D. Tomoshevsky 6—1
beat N. Smith and N. Whitley .. 6—4
J. Macpherson and A. Leonard (P.O.R.C.)
beat Bickford and Gaubert .... 6—2
beat Smith and Tomoshevsky ... 6—3
beat Smith and Whitley ..... 6—2
S. S. Chin and S. K. Chiu (P.O.R.C.)
beat Bickford and Gaubert ..... 6—1
drew with Smith and Tomoshevsky 6—6
beat Smith and Whitley ..... 6—2

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9	9	0	0	66½	14½	18
C.C.C.	9	8	1	0	64½	16½	16
C.R.C.	8	7	1	0	51½	20½	14
F.C.	10	7	3	0	58	29	14
A.T.C.	8	3	4	1	35½	35½	7
I.R.C.	8	3	4	1	27½	44½	7
P.O.R.C. (1)	9	3	6	0	31	50	6
C.B.A.	7	2	5	0	23½	36½	4
J.R.C.	8	1	7	0	23	49	2
P.O.R.C. (2)	8	1	7	0	14	58	2
K.I.T.C.	9	0	9	0	7½	73½	0

TENNIS WIN FOR SIGNALS

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Corps of Signals beat 5th A.A. Royal Artillery by 2 games to 1 in "B" Division of the Army Tennis League.

Brakenberry and Rogers (R.C.S.) beat Lieut. Clague and Savage 6—4, 6—4.
Love and Coombe (R.C.S.) lost to Pidgeon and Kirby 3—6, 4—6.
Gorman and Sayers (R.C.S.) beat Manly and Martin 6—0, 6—1.

COUNT YOUR CLUBS!

A REPORT FROM MANILA STATES THAT A GOLFER WHO WON A COMPETITION WAS DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE HE HAD 15 CLUBS IN HIS BAG.

According to the Rules of Golf, which are somewhat ambiguous on this point, leaving room for argument, "the game of golf consists of a ball being played from a teeing ground to a hole by successive strokes with clubs (not exceeding 14 in number) and balls made in conformity with the directions laid down. . . ."

There is, however, a precedent for this disqualification which occurred in an important tournament in Great Britain. A player was found to have had 15 clubs, though the 15th club, in this case, did not even belong to the player, having got into his bag by mistake.

When the rule is analysed it will be noted it does not state definitely that only 14 clubs may be carried, hence it may be argued that you can carry more as long as you only use 14.

Motto: Count your clubs before starting off in any tournament.

TRAINERS TAKEN TO TASK

In California horses that have shown themselves specially good on soft tracks are to be denied the opportunity of running off weight on hard going.

A Lexington (Ky.) exchange says that the Californian authorities have decided to refuse the entry on fast tracks of horses which have shown they are capable "mudders" but poor performers on hard going.

This action was taken by the board of stewards at Santa Anita, and is discretionary. It is said to be aimed at trainers who have deliberately raced sore horses on hard tracks, but it is a most unusual procedure.

If the weather looked like being fine, and an entry was refused, it would be rather rough on an owner if, after all, the day on which the race was run was wet and the track soft. Californian stewards would seemingly have to shine as weather prophets as well as racing experts.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are to-day's Tennis League fixtures:—

First Division: — H.K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.; C.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.; K.C.C. v. I.R.C.

Third Division: — C.D.R. v. S.C.A.A.; A.T.C. v. I.R.C.; K.T.G.C.A. v. K.I.T.C.; K.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2); C.R.C. (1) v. C.C.C.

FRESH ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE IN H.K.

WHILE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HAVE NOT BEEN IDLE PREPARING FOR THE COMING SOCCER SEASON, FOOTBALL REFEREES HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING THEIR SHARE AND HAVE ARRANGED A VERY ATTRACTIVE SERIES OF TALKS BY PERSONS CONNECTED WITH LOCAL FOOTBALL.

Referees' Association are fortunate in having such an energetic and conscientious committee, who have brought the Association to its present flourishing state.

Two seasons ago the monthly meetings were badly attended, but in recent years the interest among referees has been maintained even during the close season.

There is no obligation on the part of any referee to join the Association, but everywhere soccer is played referees are advised to form themselves into bodies so that uniform interpretation of the Laws of the Game may be had and the less experienced officials benefit by association with older members.

Whilst several seasons ago there was apathy on the part of a number of referees joining the Association, to-day all registered referees, with one or two exceptions, are members and the benefit to football is reflected in the better control of the games last season.

Instructional Classes

Referees' Association are starting instructional classes shortly and will welcome anyone interested in soccer at these meetings. The committee issue a particular invitation to Chinese players to attend, for they feel that with a better knowledge of the Laws of the Game there will follow less infringements and unnecessary appeals during a game.

The Chinese members of the Association are hoping to use the medium of the Chinese Press for a series of articles on the finer points of the game, in the hope that the public will be better able to understand the decisions of referees.

While the Hong Kong public is, on the whole, a well-behaved one there have been occasions in the past when ugly situations threatened among the spectators owing to ignorance of the rules.

It has even been suggested by a Chinese member that leaflets on the Laws of the Game be distributed to all affiliated clubs in the hope that a better knowledge of the rules will so be imparted to the public.

Laneford Meeting

Several referees are willing to give up their spare time giving talks to players if necessary, and Laneford, one of the new clubs affiliated to the Association, are holding a meeting shortly when Mr. H. A. Beard, chairman of Referees' Association, will lecture on the game.

When schools re-open it is hoped that lectures will be arranged at the different schools, Chinese members concentrating on the vernacular schools.

This is an ambitious scheme but if it is carried through successfully it will do untold good for local soccer.

The first class for soccer referees will be held on Monday, at Scandal Point Hall, and Lieut. Crossby will be the lecturer.

Hong Kong Football Referees' Association are holding a committee meeting on Thursday at Hotel Cecil at 7 p.m.

PATERSON MASTERS TANNER

Jackie Paterson, British and Empire fly-weight champion, beat Kid Tanner, British Guiana, in the second round at Shawfield Park, Glasgow, recently. This was his third victory over Tanner.

The towel came in from Tanner's corner when he was hanging helplessly over the ropes.

Only the bell saved Tanner in the first round, when he was down for a count of seven.

He had to be assisted to his corner and was still feeling the effects of the blow in the second round when Paterson punched him unmercifully.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Trojans and Chinese Y.M.C.A. are scheduled to meet South China and National University respectively in the Open Basketball League at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening.

Easier Golf

VALUE OF WARMING-UP

By Best Ball

Ben Hogan, leading money winner so far this year, among the pros, has adopted a rather unique method of preparing for each tournament round. Like other golfers, Hogan uses the practice tee to warm up before actual competition but in addition he employs the knowledge gained in this preliminary practice to decide his system of play for that particular day. Ben is particularly subject to hooking on occasions and when he discovers he is committing this fault in practice, he knows he will very likely be doing it the rest of the day. As a guard against running into too much trouble as a result, he makes allowances for this factor, during the ensuing round.

Though on the slight side in build, Hogan is one of the longer drivers making full use of his poundage by a full backswing and wide arc. His 68 in the National Open was the lowest round of the tournament, a sensational score when one takes into consideration the narrow fairways at the Colonial Club which made hazardous going for one with a tendency to hook.

Next Article:—Fast Swinging.

MASSED BAND CONCERT

in aid of

BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

The Massed Bands of The Royal Scots and of The Middlesex Regiments will give a Concert in aid of the above Fund on the ground of the Hong Kong Cricket Club at 9.30 p.m. on SATURDAY, 23rd August.

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RUSSIAN WAR FRONT SITUATION ANALYSED

Nazis Now Fighting Mainly Holding Actions

Attack Diverted Towards Odessa

FOR PURPOSES OF CONVENIENCE, WRITES THE MILITARY COMMENTATOR "ANNALIST," THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT CAN BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR MAIN SECTORS: — THE THRUST AGAINST LENINGRAD, THE THRUST AGAINST MOSCOW, THE THRUST AGAINST KIEV AND THE THRUST AGAINST ODESSA.

Supplementary engagements are proceeding in the extreme north at Murmansk and in Estonia. Neither of these operations is being pressed with vigour or has achieved much success as they are regarded by the Germans as minor issues.

The thrust against Leningrad can be sub-divided into four sectors, east and west of Lake Ladoga and north and south of Lake Peipus.

There has been continuous heavy fighting on all these fronts but the wooded and marshy nature of the territory has favoured the defence and the Russians have yielded very little ground.

The chief German offensive was directed against Moscow. Here both sides have, for the moment, fought themselves to a standstill, with Smolensk as the peak of the German wedge.

New Thrust

While continuing their pressure in this neighbourhood, in order to pin the Russians to their positions, the Germans seem to have altered the direction of the main thrust, so that it is now directed towards Odessa and the Black Sea.

The attempt to outflank Kiev by a giant pincer movement has been held up for several days at Korosten and Byelaya-Tserkov and here too there has been no relaxation of the German pressure or dimunition of the Soviet resistance.

Still seeking a weak spot in the Soviet wall of defence, the German spearhead is now turned towards Odessa, striking down from Uman.

Rear Threatened

This movement threatens the rear of the Russians holding the west bank of the Dniester, and if a gap can be created the Russians would run the risk of being outflanked both at Kiev and Odessa.

There is no confirmation that the German advance has penetrated as far as Pount, 70 miles to the north-east of Nikolaiev.

IF THEY HAVE, THEY ARE BELIEVED TO CONSIST ONLY OF A COLUMN OF TANKS WHICH, WHILE HAVING A NUISANCE VALUE, CANNOT EXPLOIT THEIR POSITION UNLESS ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY.

This does not seem to be the case yet.

The situation shows very little change from Monday as is also apparent from the non-committal German communique.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S POWERS

Admiral Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Minister of National Defence, it was announced in Vichy yesterday.

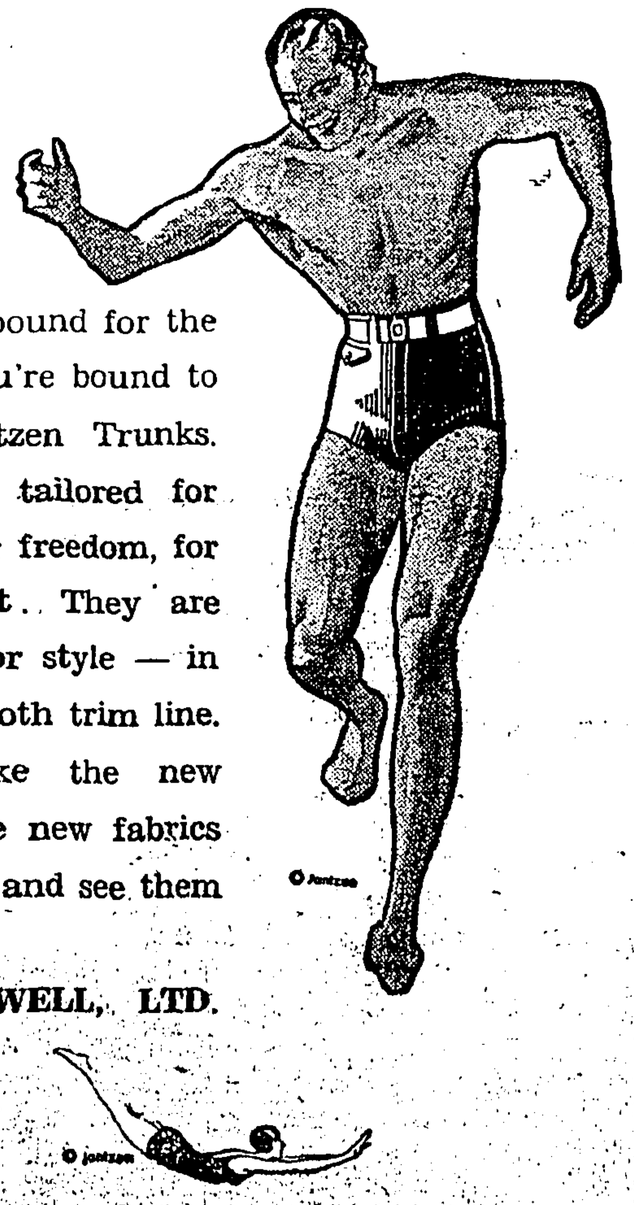
Henry Moysset, Secretary of State at the Prime Minister's office, and Lucien Romier have been appointed Ministers of State.

Paul Merion, Secretary-General at the Prime Minister's office, has been appointed Secretary-General of News and Propaganda.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, manifested unusual interest in the increased powers conferred on Admiral Darlan but withheld comment pending further information.

Mr. Hull said it was certainly a matter which the U.S. wished to verify and see exactly what the significance would be before commenting on its effect on Franco-American relations.—Reuter.

***It is believed that the effect of the new appointment is to give Admiral Darlan complete control over all naval and military affairs, and makes every commander subject to his orders.



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SHOCKING BRITISH AIR DISASTER

Twenty-two are believed to have been killed when a trans-oceanic aircraft crashed on a hillside in England yesterday.

The 'plane is believed to have left a British airport.

The Air Ministry issued the following announcement last night:—

"The Air Ministry much regrets to announce that on Sunday last a trans-oceanic aircraft flew into a hillside shortly after taking off from this country and that the 22 passengers and crew lost their lives."—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER N.C.O. DIES OF INJURIES: 11 IN HOSPITAL

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cident were all members of the D.E.L. Section and First Detachment of the 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C.

Cable Drum The Cause

The accident occurred at about 9.40 p.m. and is believed to have been due to heavy cable drum, lashed on the lorry, becoming untied and robbing the driver of control of the vehicle.

The lorry swayed violently on the narrow road and then left the highway plunging some 30 feet down the hill. It was badly smashed up against a tree.

Those discharged from hospital after treatment last night were:

J. R. Carr,
C. Zaitzeff,
V. I. Treskin, and
J. B. Pomeroy.

On Danger List

Brown and Buckingham suffered serious injuries and are still not out of danger. Buckingham this morning was stated to be "in a serious condition."

Smith sustained fractured ribs and severe internal injuries; Brown, a compound fracture of the leg and concussion, and Buckingham, head injuries, facial lacerations and concussion.

L. Bdr. Roscoe, R.A., the driver of the lorry, is still in the Bowen Road Military Hospital being treated for a broken ankle. His condition was this morning described as "comfortable."

Those who were involved in the accident were:

Dennis Edward Smith,
Harry William Buckingham,
John Gerard Heath Lander,
Douglas Harvey Collier Taylor,
W. N. Brown,
W. P. Clemow,
N. F. Tucker,
F. T. Henningsen,
A. Floisand,
C. Zaitzeff,
V. I. Treakin,
J. B. Pomeroy,
B. Lipkowsky,
W. G. Lawson,
J. R. Carr, and
L. Bdr. Roscoe, R.A.

GERMAN TANKS ROUTED

"During the night of August 11 our troops continued fighting in the directions of Kexholm, Solsti, Smolensk and Uman," says a Soviet communique.

"Cooperating with the land troops our air forces struck blows at enemy infantry and mechanised units on the battlefields and at his aircraft on their aerodromes."

"There were no major operations in other directions or sectors."

A large German tank column has been routed in the direction of Korosten by the combined operations of Soviet tanks, aeroplanes, artillery and infantry units.

Fifty German tanks and two A.A. batteries were destroyed.—Reuter.

Japan's Softened Mood

The decision to grant exemption from the application of the regulations freezing assets to all nations on a reciprocal basis was announced yesterday by the Japanese Finance Ministry.

Exemptions will depend upon the treatment of Japanese nationals where the freezing order is being enforced.

Such concessions were granted a week ago to such individuals as the British Ambassador, the Australian Minister and the Acting Canadian Minister and members of their diplomatic corps.

Concessions have also been granted certain British firms in Japan found to be completely controlled by Japanese nationals.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A joint Anglo-Soviet demarche to Turkey has been officially made, it was revealed in London yesterday.

The British and Soviet Ambassadors in Ankara called on the Turkish Foreign Office on August 10 and declared their countries had no aggressive intentions or claims towards the Straits and confirmed fidelity to the Montreux Convention.

The two Governments, they stated, were prepared scrupulously to observe Turkish territorial integrity.

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The U.S. House and Senate has decided tentatively to extend the Conscripts' training for 18 months beyond the original year, says Reuter from Washington.

The funeral of the late Bombardier Smith will take place this afternoon.

Members of 1st Battery will fall in at 4.45 at the Monument. Dress will be S.D. cap, tunic, slacks, boots and web belt.

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DAYLIGHT RAID ON COLOGNE

Heavy Attack By Blenheims

Direct Hits On Power Stations

THE R.A.F. CARRIED OUT extensive operations over Northern France and Germany in daylight yesterday, it was learned in London last night.

These operations included the bombing of a power station near Bethune and railway communications near St. Omer by Hampden bombers escorted by fighters, and an attack on objectives in Cologne by several squadrons of Blenheims.

People on the south-east coast of England watched another armada of British 'planes returning across the Channel yesterday afternoon.

The aircraft were prominently outlined against masses of white cloud towering above the cliffs of Northern France.

They had flown out at intervals for over an hour, flying at a great height.

The activity indicated big operations following R.A.F. night raids on three cities of the industrial Ruhr, in western Germany.

Daylight Raid On Cologne

It was announced in London that British bombers raided Cologne in daylight yesterday.

R.A.F. machines passed over the south-east coast of England all day without a stop to Northern France and objectives much further inland.

Bombers and fighters, flying very high, swept over in "V" and "diamond" formations. Crowds watched this endless procession and listened to the continuous heavy roar which continued into the late afternoon.

Twenty 'Planes Lost

During yesterday's daylight raids, in which fighters escorted the bombers as far as Antwerp, the R.A.F. lost 12 bombers and eight fighters.

Bombers penetrated 150 miles into Germany, scoring direct hits on power stations at Quadrat and Khatsack, which are Cologne's two power stations.

Flying Fortresses attacked aerodromes at De Kooy and objectives at Cologne and the port of Emden.—Reuter.

Six Squadrons

"Six squadrons of Blenheims penetrated into the Rhineland yesterday morning to attack the great Cologne power stations at Quadrath and Knapsack," says an Air Ministry communique.

"Fighters accompanied the bombers as far as Antwerp. Then the bombers went on alone, often flying less than 100 feet up in the 50-mile penetration of the German defence system.

BOTH POWER STATIONS WERE ATTACKED AT 11.30 A.M. AT POINT BLANK RANGE. A GREAT NUMBER OF BOMBS SCORED DIRECT HITS AND THE TARGETS WERE LEFT IN FLAMES.

Withdrawal Covered

"Fighters met the returning bombers near Antwerp, covering their withdrawal across the North Sea, whilst another strong force of fighters patrolled the Dutch coast in support.

"About the same time Hampden bombers, with a fighter escort, attacked the railways near St. Omer and the power station near Coinay in Pas de Calais.

"THREE ENEMY FIGHTERS WERE DESTROYED BY THE ESCORT. FORTRESS AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE AERODROME AT DE KOOY AND OBJECTIVES AT COLOGNE AND THE PORT OF EMDEN.

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CONGRESS LIKELY TO APPROVE

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Patent Absurdity Of Peace Canard

It was officially denied in London yesterday that there is any truth whatsoever in a statement emanating from America and attributed to Senator Schaffer that Lord Beaverbrook notified the authorities in the United States that Britain will negotiate peace with Germany unless the United States enters the war within 30 days.

In Washington yesterday, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, termed the latest rumour that Britain may come to peace as "a patent absurdity," according to a Dow Jones message.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER N.C.O. DIES OF INJURIES: 11 IN HOSPITAL

DENNIS EDWARD SMITH, 22, Bombardier in 1st Battery, Corps Artillery, H.K.V.D.C., died at 7.10 this morning as the result of injuries received when an Army lorry plunged some 30 feet down the hillside from Cape d'Aguilar Road last night.

Eleven other members of 1st Battery are still in hospital with injuries. Most serious of these is L/Bdr. Buckingham, whose condition was stated this morning to be "still serious."

The condition of the others was stated at Queen Mary Hospital this morning to be fair.

Among those injured was L/Bdr. Roscoe, of the Royal Artillery, who was driving the vehicle. He is now in the Bowen Road Military Hospital.

The accident occurred half way from the Shek-O Road junction and the Cape D'Aguilar Wireless

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AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET

A meeting of the Australian War Cabinet is being held in Melbourne to-day and a meeting of the War Council to-morrow.

The Cabinet has already sat for 15 hours in two days.

If Parliament approves the Cabinet's suggestion that Mr. Menzies should go to London, when it meets on August 20, Mr. Fadden is likely again to become acting Premier with full administrative powers.—Reuter.

JAPAN AND THE SOVIET

"Japan and the Soviet Union are conducting their affairs in an atmosphere of quiet trust and accommodation," wrote yesterday's "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper referred to the "repeated denials" of M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, which "should convince the world that Soviet-Japanese relations are not complicated by any ultimatum demands."

Such unfounded rumours reflect the nervous state of public opinion, says the paper, which adds that the two nations are just now occupied with their several problems on other fronts, and for them even vaguely to consider such possibilities as have been mentioned by "unhealthy and subversive publicity, can only add to the difficulties confronting the world."—Reuter.

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RETURNED IN FULL MEASURE

Germany Bombed More Heavily Than Britain

BERLIN BOMBED BY SOVIET

In the Soviet air raid on Berlin during the night of August 11/12, says Moscow radio, high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

All the Russian 'planes returned to their bas.

A Russian bomber reported missing on the previous night was traced and has now also returned.

Moscow Raided

German bombers on Monday night bombed military installations in Moscow and several important railway junctions, according to an official German communique yesterday.

Large fires and violent explosions were caused in railway installations.

Operations on the eastern front are continuing favourably, the communique adds.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S NEW WEAPON

A new Russian weapon was reported yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper "Social Demokraten" dealing with operations on the Finnish front.

A correspondent states that shells filled with petrol burst, igniting forests.

The ensuing artillery barrage prevents the enemy troops from extinguishing the fires.

Many of the Finnish wounded have been suffering from terrible burns.—Reuter.

LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT

GENERAL ROMMEL, IN COMMAND OF GERMAN FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA, HAS ISSUED AN ORDER OF THE DAY HIGHLY PRAISING THE EXPLOITS OF THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI REGIMENT AND CALLING ON OTHER ITALIAN UNITS TO EMULATE ITS FINE EXAMPLE.

IT IS THOUGHT IN CAIRO THAT THE ITALIANS MUST FEEL CHAGRINED WHEN THEY READ THE ORDER BECAUSE THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI WAS PRACTICALLY ENTIRELY WIPED OUT RECENTLY BY THE BRITISH NEAR TOBRUK.—REUTER.

R.A.F. CASUALTIES

THE FOLLOWING NAMES APPEAR IN THE LATEST CASUALTY LIST ISSUED BY THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY:—

Sergeant S. R. Rishworth, of Simla, killed in action while flying in operations against the enemy.

Sergeant K. E. Corrie, born in Calcutta, and

Acting Flight-Lt. H. C. Hilton, of Dagshai, posted as missing.—Reuter.

Two Thousand Tons Dropped On Ruhr Districts

(By Reuter's Air Commentator)

THOUGH COLOGNE HAS BEEN RAIDED ALMOST 100 TIMES DURING THE WAR YESTERDAY'S DAYLIGHT ATTACK BY BLENHEIMS — DESCRIBED AS POSSIBLY THE STRONGEST DAYLIGHT ATTACK YET MADE ON GERMANY — WAS ONLY THE THIRD ATTACK OUT OF HOURS OF DARKNESS MADE ON COLOGNE SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES.

It is pointed out in London that an attack such as yesterday's entails a journey over more enemy and enemy-occupied territory than any other yet attempted in daylight, and the weight of bombs must have been very considerable.

More sidelights on the punishment the R.A.F. is inflicting on Germany were reflected yesterday when it was declared in an authoritative quarter that the R.A.F. has bombed Germany this summer just as heavily as Britain was bombed last winter — and this in spite of the fewer hours of darkness available.

German communiques, it was pointed out, make a regular practice of referring to "single British aircraft," and "weak forces," and these expressions are used irrespective of whether the R.A.F.'s visitation is comprised of three, 30 or 300 or more aircraft—and forces of 300 British raiding aircraft are now by no means uncommon.

2,000 Tons

In just over three weeks during June and July of this year over 2,000 tons of bombs fell on the Ruhr.

IN ADDITION TO THIS IN THE SAME PERIOD COLOGNE RECEIVED 1,000 TONS AND BREMEN 500.

Night after night, without ceasing, 200 British bombers or more visited Germany and this number is slowly but surely mounting.

The German bombers which attacked Coventry last winter carried one ton or at most one and a half tons of high explosive.

Powerful Blows

The new British bombers carry five, six or seven tons each and these bombers are coming into service in large numbers.

It is emphasised that a raid by 100 such machines would be heavier than any raid yet made on England.

Moreover, the new British bombs, besides being bigger, are more powerful than any German counterpart—a 2,000-lb. bomb is now described only as "medium."

The last month of serious raids on Britain was April—the Germans claimed it as a record, but in June the R.A.F. dropped a greater tonnage on Germany than fell on Britain in April.

Berlin is difficult to raid in the short summer nights but nearly 100 tons of bombs were dropped there recently in one night.

Cannot Take It

An American citizen who was there said: "People in Berlin are so different from the British. Berliners cannot take it. They were all running about like rabbits and everything was disorganised.

"EVERY GERMAN ACCOUNT OF A HEAVY RAID ON BRITAIN CAUSES A GREAT WAVE OF APPREHENSION ALL OVER WESTERN GERMANY AND EVEN MORE IN BERLIN."—

Of Cologne, this American said: "For four nights there was no sleep for anyone.

"Five very heavy bombs fell on the main railway station, almost wiping it out, and very great numbers were killed."

In public places and on the walls of damaged buildings the following inscription is appearing more and more frequently: "We thank our Fuehrer for this."—Reuter.

SUEZ CANAL ZONE AGAIN RAIDED

The Suez Canal Zone was raided on Monday night by German 'planes. Eight were killed and 13 injured.

At Alexandria the casualties were four killed and eight slightly injured.—Reuter.

Dyaks To Defend Borneo

Former head-hunting Dyaks and other Malays are being recruited for the defence of Borneo.

They are being banded into an internal security military force and are to be known as the "Sarawak Rangers."

Besides defending the territories of the White Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke, they will operate in Brunei and Labuan and as such should form a useful addition to the military forces already stationed in these territories.

The new force, active recruiting for which has already begun, will be under the command of Major G. S. J. Pelger, formerly of the Sarawk Civil Service.—Reuter.

HESITANT STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was inclined to hesitate awaiting Japanese and Ukraine developments but leading industrials continued a good feature especially tobaccos. Shippings were also firm yesterday, with P. and O. 9d higher at 27/6. Gilt-edged occasionally were a shade lower and home rails, oils, rubbers and tins easier. Kaffirs were idle and slightly reactionary but Japanese bonds rallied. Brazilians were also higher while Argentine rails continued firm.—Reuter.

OPPONENTS OF BILL DEFEATED

The U.S. House of Representatives, by 185 votes to 146, yesterday defeated an attempt to make an extension of military service on a voluntary basis, says Reuter from Washington.

FINLAND CALL-UP

All men born in 1922 in Finland and liable for military service have been asked to report to the local military authorities for examination between September 1 and 20, says a Helsinki telegram to Berlin quoted by Reuter.

LABOUR LEADERS RESTIVE

The two Labour representatives on the Australian War Council, Mr. Evatt and Mr. Beasley, yesterday warned the Labour Party to prepare to take over the Government of Australia.

Mr. Evatt agreed that an election must be avoided at the present time, but added that "Parliament must respond to the rising tide of public opinion against the Menzies Government." People were dissatisfied with the "bottlenecks at home in a vital department."

Referring to the proposal that Mr. Menzies should go to London, Mr. Evatt said "It is not a question whether he shou'd go to London, but whether he should go to London as Prime Minister." If the situation was as serious as was suggested, the Prime Minister's place was in Australia, he added.—Reuter.

GENERAL TOJO AT IMPERIAL PALACE

General Tojo, the War Minister, saw the Emperor in Tokyo yesterday morning and had an 80-minutes interview.

Admiral Toyoda, the Foreign Minister, is expected to receive foreign correspondents soon, when he is expected to make a statement of Japan's foreign policy.—Reuter.

TWO FAMOUS BRITISH "ACES" AMONG MISSING

WING-COMMANDER Douglas Robert Bader, the famous legless pilot, who despite his physical handicap won the highest R.A.F. honours, was yesterday reported missing.

Bader holds the D.S.O. and bar and the D.F.C. It is believed he personally destroyed more than 15 aircraft.

He led many sweeps over France, and during the Battle of Britain led a Canadian squadron with marked success.

Bader, who was a great sportsman and a famous stunt pilot, lost his legs following a flying crash 10 years ago.

Determined to return to the air he learned to play golf, tennis and squash with metal legs. He showed he still had old flying skill and entered civil aviation.

On the outbreak of war he saw a Medical Board and "argued" his way back into the R.A.F. He is aged 31 — ten years more than most fighter pilots.

Second "Ace" Missing

Another British ace fighter pilot was also reported missing yesterday.

He is Acting Flight-Lt. Eric Stanley Lock, aged 21, who was awarded the D.S.O. and the D.F.C. with bar by the King all at one time.

A NATIVE OF SHREWSBURY HE WAS CREDITED WITH HAVING SHOT DOWN OVER 30 GERMAN AIRCRAFT — NINE IN ONE WEEK.

He left hospital in April after being there three months with severe wounds after being himself shot down in flames.—Reuter.

GERMAN WAR DRIVE

GERMANY IS CONSCRIPTING NOT ONLY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN, BUT ALSO BOYS AND GIRLS IN THEIR EARLY TEENS, FOR MUNITION FACTORIES.

The Lisbon correspondent of the "Daily Express" says: "During the summer holidays, High School children will be drafted into factories to perform repetitive tasks for a token payment.

"The Nazis are using even Jewish men and women for a more productive war drive, resulting in a slackening of anti-Semitic propaganda. The Jews, however, are getting only two-thirds of the money paid to Aryans."

NO CHANGE

A five-word communique issued from British G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday reported: "No change in the situation."—Reuter.

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German Civilian Morale Shaken By Food Shortages

AND STEADY POUNDING BY R.A.F.

THE NEW YORK COLUMNISTS, LAZREEF AND ROOT, IN THEIR COLUMN SAY THAT NAZI LABOUR LEADER LEY HAS SENT HITLER A MEMORANDUM ON THE LOW GERMAN MORALE, THE REASON BEING THE LACK OF FOOD AND INCESSANT BOMBARDMENT.

They continue: "In Thuringia and Saxony there has been no other food for two months than bread and potatoes. There is no meat and no fats and no butter.

"In the Rhineland there are no more vegetables, and the same is true of Alsace.

"Yet these are precisely the regions which in normal times supplied vegetables for many other localities.

"Rolling stock on German railroads is in an indescribable state. It was already in bad repair when the war began and the lack of lubricants aggravated the effects of normal wear.

"The same situation exists for machine-tools.

"THE MASSIVE BOMBARDMENTS WHICH THE R.A.F. HAVE BEEN SHOWERING ON THE NORTH SEA COAST, THE RHINELAND AND WESTPHALIA HAVE NOT ONLY CAUSED GREAT MATERIAL DAMAGE BUT AFFECTED THE WORKERS' MORALE SO HEAVILY THAT PRODUCTION OF METALLURGICAL FACTORIES IN WEST GERMANY HAS DROPPED 47 PER CENT.

"Production in coal mines is also decreasing steadily.

"It is undeniable that air raids are a weapon to which the Germans do not react with the toughness of the English." — Reuter.

THE FREE FRENCH AT SEA

There are two and a half times as many Free Frenchmen serving in the Free French Navy as a year ago. The number and gross tonnage of the ships they man is more than a quarter of the total merchant navy of France.

These facts were stated by Colonel Llewellin, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport, opening a hostel at Cardiff yesterday for officers and seamen of Free French merchant navy.

Col. Llewellin added the ships were not "tucked" away in harbour like so many of the German and Italian ships but were sailing the Atlantic—not in safe routes immune from submarines or air attack.

"Famous liners like the Ile de France have carried and are carrying British, Imperial and Free French troops to different theatres of war.

Cargo ships are carrying munitions and other supplies to this country. They have had their losses as we have had ours. The men who man them are playing their part in the Battle of the Atlantic as willing comrades of the men of our own merchant navy."—British Wireless.

MENZIES ASKED TO GO TO LONDON

Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, has been unanimously requested by the Federal Cabinet to go to London as soon as possible.

Mr. Menzies said yesterday that certain difficulties in the way of such a course might not be insuperable.

It would be unwise to accept until the proposal had been discussed by all parties.

It was imperative that whoever went should have the full support of the Government.

The suggestion would be debated in Parliament on August 20 when a statement on the Far East position would be made.

Subject to the approval of the Labour Party Mr. Menzies will go to London as the Prime Minister of Australia.—Reuter.

EMPIRE AIR FORCE EXPANSION

The steadily mounting strength of the Dominions is reflected in recent news of Australian and South African air programmes.

Australia's export of aeroplanes in 1942 will exceed £12,000,000 in value with a total production value of £20,000,000, according to Mr. John Storey, Commissioner for Aircraft Production.

A large percentage of aircraft produced will be Beaufort medium torpedo bombers, fastest of their type in the world.

The opening of additional schools is enabling a constantly increasing number of Australian airmen to be trained in their own country. Ground crews are now trained entirely in Australia.

One-fifth of the pilots and a quarter of the air-gunners, observers and wireless operators still finish training in Canada under the air training scheme and some are sent to Rhodesia but these proportions are growing less.

Speaking at the coming of age of the South African Air Force on Monday, General Smuts said South Africa, which started the war with an air force of only one squadron and a total of 1,500 pilots and mechanics, to-day has over 2,000 pilots and additional personnel of at least 25,000 of which 3,000 are women.

In cooperation with the British Government, South Africa is building up a far more powerful air force which will involve a total of 50,000 men and women.—British Wireless.

U.S. READY FOR DRASTIC ACTION

Senator George, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday the United States might possibly sever all commercial relations with Japan if she made any further move in the southern Pacific or if she moves against the Russians in Siberia. — Reuter.

THAILAND BOUNDARY MEETINGS

The Thai - Indo - China Boundary Delegation meetings are due to commence on Monday under the chairmanship of Mr Yano, head of the Japanese delegation.

The present meetings are expected to last a fortnight, followed later by meetings at different points on the frontier.

Thailand would need and welcome assistance if attacked," stated Colonel Sarabiaga, head of the Thai delegation to the boundary mission.

He added the recent Anglo-American statement regarding Thailand's position was not addressed specifically to Thailand as an official communication.

The mention of assistance was certainly welcomed in Thailand.—Reuter.

GERMAN AGENTS STILL POURING INTO IRAN

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

ALTHOUGH THE Soviet and British missions in Teheran have acted energetically and on parallel lines, in an effort to bring home to Iran the menace of Nazi penetration, it is not yet clear that the Iranian Government appreciates fully the dangers of the situation.

For instance, according to reliable but unofficial reports, the Iranian Government have compared the total numbers of Germans and Britons in the country without taking into account the fact that the Britons are mainly old residents employed in oilfields and like work.

The Germans are mostly recent arrivals of well-known Fifth Column stamp.

The Soviet Government, engaged in a life and death struggle with the Nazi regime, has made it plain to Iran that it refuses to tolerate any weakening of Iranian neutrality which would permit Fifth Column activity in the rear of its armies.

The British have been no less positive. It is hoped the Iranian Government will heed these friendly but earnest warnings and give evidence of its goodwill by expelling Nazi agents.

Some Disquiet

These agents are plotting as much against the Shah himself as against Allied interests in the Middle East.

During the last few days, however, more Germans have been reported on their way to Iran.

The situation must therefore be considered as still giving rise to some disquiet.—Reuter.

No Fresh Developments

There are no fresh developments in Iran as the result of the present international situation.

The Teheran newspapers emphasise Iran's neutrality in all circumstances, and they also strongly deny recent foreign press and radio reports on the subject of German experts and tourists arriving in Iran.

The Government claims that all foreigners are under strict control and their activities and profession are known to the police. Consequently there is no danger, potential or otherwise, to the State from their activities.

Commenting on Mr. Anthony Eden's recent speech in the Commons, the newspapers point out that Iran to-day is not the same Iran of 1914-1918, and therefore the warning is out of place.—Reuter.

NO GREAT EXODUS FROM SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The American President Lines told the "Shanghai Evening Post" that only 250 passengers from Shanghai are sailing in the "President Coolidge" for America tomorrow despite the renewed Far East tension and the State Department's reiteration of its previous evacuation warning.

Many first-class berths are still available though cheaper accommodation is sold out. — International News Service.

U.S. WOMEN RAID VICTIMS

The American Ambulance Corps suffered their first fatalities when two drivers, Mrs. M. Butler and Mrs. H. M. Richardson, were killed recently in a night raid.

Mrs. Butler joined the Service in October.

SATAN AND HIS WORKS

Among hymns and prayers forbidden by the Nazis in Czechoslovakia, according to information reaching London yesterday, is a prayer — recited after Mass — which asks that Satan and other evil spirits haunting the world for the destruction of souls be hurled into hell.

The Nazis, who week by week grow more sensitive to opinion in occupied territories, declare they see in this prayer an allusion to Hitler and his executive.

The recent recital of Nazi crimes by the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister suggests that Satan rather than Hitler is indicated.

The Minister instances the case of an exhausted Czech priest harnessed to a cart on the road to Dachau concentration camp while a young uniformed Nazi walks beside, whip in hand.

He tells, too, of priests in Czechoslovakia hounded from parishes, of lay hospitals forbidden to monks and nuns and of confiscation by the postal authorities of the Papal Encyclical.

Incredible Savagery

Blasphemy, incredible if it were not Nazi, finds devilish expression at the fortress of Spielberg, according to reports from reliable sources.

Canons of the Cathedral of Brno, taken to Spielberg for internment, were kicked in the stomach and dragged by Storm Troopers into the chapel where many were held forcibly in an oriently squatting position.

An old man who escaped from this forced position after three hours was shot in the head. Another was compelled at revolver point to take the priestly chair and had to read a profane speech, and aged priests were forced to caper round after holding in their hands crucifixes from the walls of the altar. — British Wireless.

ANOTHER FRONTIER CLASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A despatch from Quito (Ecuador) reports a renewed outbreak of the border fighting with a clash between Peruvian and Ecuadorian guards along the disputed Capotillo frontier. — International News Service.

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DEATH OF FAMOUS FORMER VICEROY

LORD WILLINGDON, KNOWN AS "THE MAN WHO CANNOT RETIRE," DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. HE HAD BEEN ILL WITH PNEUMONIA.

One of the few members of the House of Commons to have achieved the distinction of a Marquesate, a reward for his decades of service, Lord Willingdon will be chiefly remembered for his work in India, where as Viceroy he had to deal with Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign at its height.

Lord Willington refused to make any compromise until civil disobedience was called off and absolutely rejected all Gandhi's attempts to enter into negotiations.

"I CAN SEE NO POINT," HE SAID, "IN ARGUING WITH ONE WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED A DIRECT ORDER FROM GOD."

Lord Oxford, when Liberal Prime Minister as Mr. Asquith, made him Governor of Bombay in 1913. Mr. Lloyd George, head of the Coalition Government, made him Governor of Madras in 1919. Lord Baldwin as Conservative Prime Minister appointed him Governor-General of Canada in 1926, and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, at the head of the second Labour Government, entrusted him with the Vice-Royalty in 1931.

In 1938 he and Lady Willingdon went to South America on behalf of the American Institute of Britain, when they travelled widely over Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Flight To N.Z.

When he was 73, in January last, he went on a flight to New Zealand to represent the Government at the Centenary Celebrations. It was the first time a man of his age had made a flight which entailed crossing the 1,200 dangerous miles of the Tasman Sea.

In November he went to South America, as head of an important economic mission, to explain to Latin-America, British wartime policy.

These two final episodes emphasise Lord Willingdon's versatility, vigorous loyalty and great devotion to his country.

Distinguished in appearance, athletic even in his advancing years, he had played cricket both for the M.C.C. and Sussex and helped found the Cricket Club of India—this great Pro-Consul of Empire will be mourned in many parts of the world.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT SAIGON

More units of the Japanese fleet entered Saigon harbour, in south French Indo-China, on Monday, says a Tokyo announcement.

Lt.-Gen. Shojiro Iida, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in French Indo-China, yesterday conferred with Vice-Admiral Seiichi Niimi, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Fleet in Indo-China waters.

The conference took place on board a warship in Saigon harbour.—Reuter.

BELGIUM MARU SAILS

The Japanese ship "Belgium Maru" left Capetown yesterday.

The writ of attachment granted against her by the Supreme Court on July 31 had been lifted. The writ was granted on behalf of a group of merchants as security for the delivery of cargo valued at £26 millions which it was feared might not be brought to port owing to the international situation.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S NEW WEAPON

A new Russian weapon was reported yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper "Social Demokraten" dealing with operations on the Finnish front.

A correspondent states that shells filled with petrol burst, igniting forests.

The ensuing artillery barrage prevents the enemy troops from extinguishing the fires.

Many of the Finnish wounded have been suffering from terrible burns.—Reuter.

LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT

GENERAL ROMMEL, IN COMMAND OF GERMAN FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA, HAS ISSUED AN ORDER OF THE DAY HIGHLY PRAISING THE EXPLOITS OF THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI REGIMENT AND CALLING ON OTHER ITALIAN UNITS TO EMULATE ITS FINE EXAMPLE.

IT IS THOUGHT IN CAIRO THAT THE ITALIANS MUST FEEL CHAGRINED WHEN THEY READ THE ORDER BECAUSE THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI WAS PRACTICALLY ENTIRELY WIPED OUT RECENTLY BY THE BRITISH NEAR TOBRUK.—REUTER.

ROOSEVELT YACHT SILENT

President Roosevelt's yacht, the "Potomac," has now been silent for three days.

Last time the U.S. Navy Department reported the receipt of a message from the yacht was on Saturday morning.—Reuter.

Portugal Gets Relief

The United States Treasury yesterday unfroze Portuguese assets in the United States.

A statement says the licence was issued after Portugal "gave the appropriate assurance to this Government."

The order of June 14, freezing foreign assets, was accompanied by a Presidential statement promising Portugal and five other countries exemptions whenever they undertook not to use the exemptions to help the Axis.

Russia, Switzerland, Spain and Sweden had since received similar exemptions but not yet Finland.

The general licence exempts the Portuguese Government and its central bank and Portuguese nationals under certain conditions from the Roosevelt freezing order of June 14.

Portuguese assets in the United States are estimated at about $160,000,000.—Reuter.

GUERILLAS WRECK GERMAN TROOP TRAIN

HOW A PARTY of guerilla soldiers wrecked a German troop train by sending the locomotive full speed ahead down the track into a collision with a German train is described in a supplementary Soviet communique, issued yesterday, which reports that 16 carriages of the German train were completely destroyed.

Further reports of sabotage activities in German occupied Holland and France are also announced. "In one Dutch town the whole section of a machine-building factory was blown up, causing a stoppage of the entire plant for a week.

"In another town electric generators were put out of action, requiring repairs lasting several days.

"In a cloth factory stocks of finished cloth, intended for immediate exportation to Germany, were destroyed by fire, while a train loaded with mechanised units and artillery was derailed between the towns of Apgelgeri and Holandberst, causing much delay."

French Sabotage

Guerilla activities are also increasing in France, according to this report.

A German train with supplies has been derailed, 14 trucks being destroyed while an ammunition dump was blown up in Meudon Wood.

In the town of Pomtoise, open anti-German demonstrations of workmen have taken place, the communique adds.—Reuter.

CONVOY ARRIVES IN PLATE

A BRITISH CONVOY OF SIX LARGE SHIPS ARRIVED SAFELY IN THE RIVER PLATE YESTERDAY.

Its safe arrival is acclaimed by the Montevideo press as proof that Britain rules the Atlantic.

The ships will return to the United Kingdom with cargoes of meat and other foodstuffs.—Reuter.

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EXTENSIVE RAIDS BY ROYAL AIR FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. communique from the Middle East states "Extensive raids were carried out by aircraft of the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm on enemy positions and aerodromes in Libya during the night of August 10/11.

"A particularly heavy attack was made on Benghazi, many tons of bombs being dropped, all of which fell into the target area. These were dropped on the motor transport and repair sections, as well as on railway sidings, yards and dock installations.

"Four violent explosions and many fires were caused. Our bombers also machine-gunned an aerodrome south of Benghazi and motor transport which was dispersed near Tobruk and Bardia.

"Several large bombs were dropped on workshops and buildings and started fires in the compounds, destroying many vehicles

The harbour at Tripoli was again bombed. One hit on the power station caused a violent explosion which was seen 100 miles away.

"One of our attacking aircraft came down to a low level and attacked a searchlight post, while other aircraft of the Royal Air Force raided the landing ground at Gazala and Sovuth where fires were seen to break out. Some bombs burst close to the aircraft and a large column of smoke was observed. The target was also machine-gunned from a low level.

Ship Torpedoed

"During the same night Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm attacked a ship of 1,300 tons in Syracuse Harbour and two direct hits with torpedoes are believed to have been scored. One caused an explosion amidships. They also dropped bombs on the Gerbini, Sicily aerodrome.

"During Monday, Tomahawks of the South African Air Force shot down one of four Messerschmitt 110's which they encountered off the Egyptian coast, and R. A. F. Hurricane fighters shot down a Henchel 126.

"On August 10, aircraft of the Royal Air Force bombed a collier at Lampedusa, leaving it sinking and down by the stern. Patches of oil were to be seen near the position on the following day.

"A Sunderland shot down a Dornier over the Mediterranean and from all these operations our aircraft returned safely."—Reuter.

HIS COURAGE NOT FORGOTTEN

A bequest in the £30,654 will of Mr. Ernest Barrett, of Earl's Court, was £500 to Emily Nichols, "as a slight appreciation of the prompt and courageous conduct of her late husband, Sidney Frank Nichols, on June 13, 1917."

He also left £2,000 to his housekeeper, Norah McGahey.

AMERICAN RED CROSS WORK

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Invaluable work has been performed by the American Red Cross since the signing of the Acre Armistice Convention and the conclusion of the Syrian campaign.

Already they have distributed 800 tons of food and clothes, with 100 tons of medical supplies to wounded refugees or those rendered destitute as the result of the campaign. All the goods arrived by sea and a further 700 tons is expected shortly.—Reuter.

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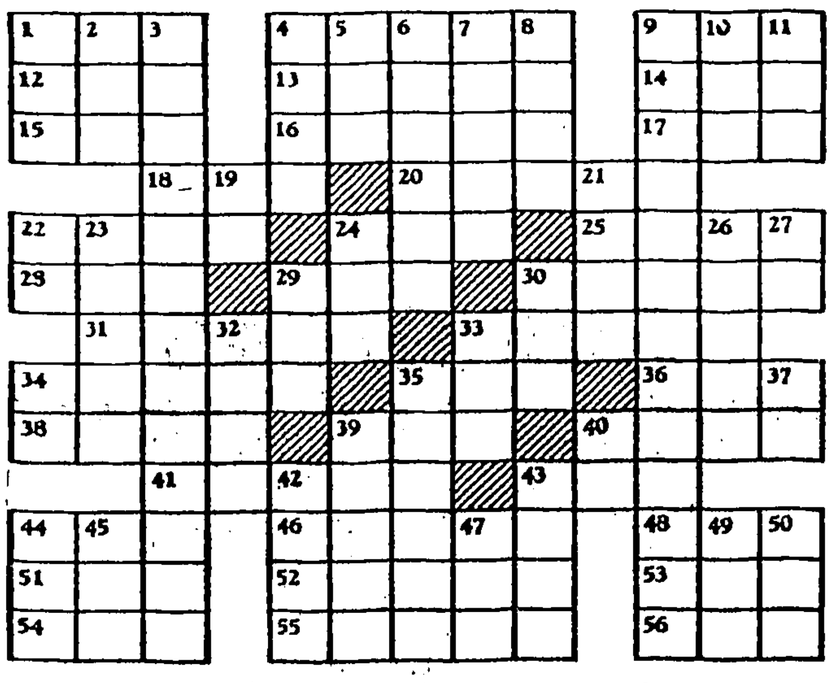

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1 Goddess of the harvest
4 Walked with difficulty
9 Demure
12 Cost
13 To shun
14 Crude metal
15 Light brown
16 Carnivorous mammal
17 Carpet
18 To make lace
20 To rebound
22 Escaped
24 Roman bronze
25 Gaming cubes
28 To bring forth
29 Conjunction
30 Durable white fibre
31 Tale
33 Maxim
34 Apart
35 To study
36 Corded cloth
38 Head covering
39 Vast age
40 Unusual
41 To seize by force
43 Isle
44 Fuel
46 Sum
48 Hawaiian bird
51 To trouble
52 Roman magistrate
53 Worthless leaving
54 To attempt
55 Denominations
56 Brood

VERTICAL
1 Poetic: frequently
2 Edible seed
3 Axiomatically
4 Cried
5 Hummingbird
6 Moved nimbly
7 Scandinavian literary works
8 Expensive
9 Pity
10 Anglo-Saxon money
11 Still
19 Paid notice
21 Chief Norse deity
22 Symbol for iron
23 Lariat
24 Some
26 To provide food
27 Spanish article
29 Part of "to be"
30 Japanese coin
32 Chances
33 Weight
34 Interjection
35 Hamitic language
37 Hebrew letter
39 To eat away
40 Japanese measure
42 Southwestern Indians
43 Malt beverages
44 Ship channel
46 Melody
47 Music: high
49 Twisted
50 Devoured

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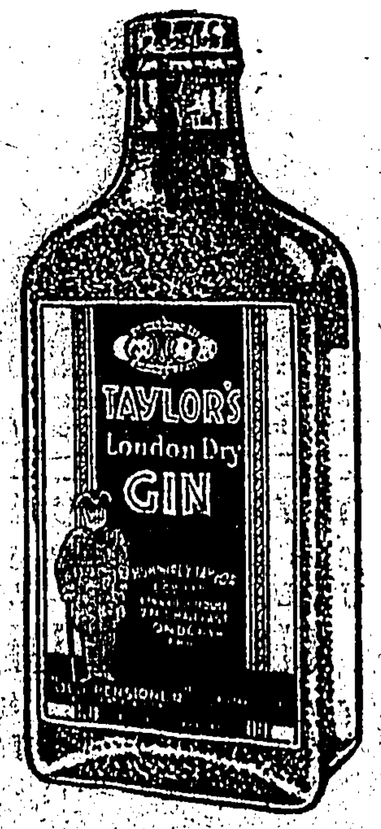

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GRIM ORDEAL OF THE CZECHS

---Brutality, Spoliation

(By A CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON)

THE CZECHOSLOVAK PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE IN ENGLAND, HAS ISSUED A SURVEY OF THE INVASION PERSECUTION, AND DESTRUCTION OF THIS YOUNG REPUBLIC BY THE NAZIS.

It is a moving account of suffering, as documentary as possible in the circumstances, shot through with glimpses of the undying fortitude of a brave people determined never to submit willingly to the tyranny of the invader.

With almost all Europe under German domination, one is apt to overlook the genesis of this colossal struggle to establish, lastingly one hopes, the rights of man as an individual. Munich, September 29, 1938, is a date to keep in mind; and with it the vain sacrifices Czechoslovakia made to keep the peace.

Czechoslovakia was then a very young nation, a month under 20 years of age, but into the brief career ushered in by the Treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, and Trianon had been crowded much happy development, many social changes, examples of religious freedom, and considerable technical and cultural progress. The survey under review sketches these achievements as background to the unhappy, persecuted Czechoslovakia of to-day.

Germany sought to legalise her occupation by declaring the rump of the dismembered State the "Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," and promulgating a thirteen-point decree to govern its relationship with the Reich.

> The "Magna Carta of Czech freedom" was the title given to this infamous document by Nazi propaganda, but, in effect, it is shown, it imposed a status normally reserved by European colonial great Powers for backward native races unable to read or write.

The President and Government of the Protectorate, whose domestic rights were specifically safeguarded in the "magna carta," were swept aside, the Reich Protector became all-powerful, and such measures as the introduction of the Nuremberg laws against the Jews, the establishment of German as the official language, even in purely Czech communities, and the division of the Protectorate into 19 areas, each with a German governor, were imposed overnight and rigorously enforced. The autonomy promised by Hitler was dead—stillborn.

Undermining National Will

So the insidious business of undermining a nation's will to resist continued. The organs of regional and local government were throttled, like the organs of central power. Provincial representative bodies were dissolved, and on a single order of the Protector the mayors of purely Czech towns were dismissed and Germans appointed instead, while such district councils as were allowed to live were compulsorily swamped with German members.

This was the preliminary stage, the "browning off" preparatory to the unpublicised blitzkrieg which aimed, and still aims, at the total destruction of Czech life in all its forms. Most sinister was the introduction of "dualism" into the legal system—one law for German citizens and another for the Czech "proteges"—which makes it possible for the Germans to bring about complete legal chaos in the relations between the Czech citizens themselves and in their relations with German persons or the German authorities. To find an analogy for this legal system one has to turn to the consular courts which exist in countries where the cultural level of the native population has not allowed the development of a conception of law and justice corresponding to that of civilised European nations.

> In other words, the Czechs are treated as a primitive race. Deprived of their political freedom, they are also deprived of all guarantees of justice granted to citizens in even the worst organised countries.

Article XII of the vaunted "magna carta" expressly stipulates that the laws valid in Bohemia and Moravia at the time of the German occupation remain in force in so far as they do not oppose the spirit of the protection given by the Reich to the Protectorate. Like all Hitler's promises this was speedily broken.

The National Socialist criminal law, the source of which, as the Nazis proudly boast, is the German National Socialist spirit and feeling, which is entirely alien to the spirit and feelings of the Czech nation, was imposed. Further intervention followed when the competence of German courts in civil disputes was extended, and Germans were given the right to demand the quashing of any civil verdict if they considered the material interests of the German party to the dispute were threatened.

Nazi Spoliation

The uncontrolled transfer of Czech property to German hands, both public and private, at a fraction of its value is enforced by threats and torture, and the transactions are hidden from the competent Czech courts, so that no evidence of this typically cunning Nazi robbery may reach the Czech authorities.

Thus the Czech legal apparatus, once considered one of the most just in Europe, is debased. The Czech citizen's personal security, his honour, and his property, are a mere plaything in the hands of the German conqueror, whose courts exist only to discover in case of need a legal formula for the greatest barbarism and the bloodiest crimes.

> With political freedom the freedom of the trade unions vanished, the workers returned to the slavery of the Dark Ages.

By the imposition of an artificially high exchange rate, some 150 per cent. above the real rate, and price increases which the Germans themselves estimate at 40 per cent., real wages were ruthlessly slashed. To add to the sorry tale, working hours were drastically prolonged, and German supervisors were drafted into the factories to enforce an inhuman discipline.

Finally, the Czech working class became the victim of mass deportations to Germany. Says the survey: "The exact number is not known, but the German figures, which must be considered as a minimum, speak of 55,000 agricultural workers from Slovakia, and 125,000 industrial workers from Bohemia and Moravia.

According to Czech estimates, almost a quarter of a million Czech workers have been transported from the Protectorate to Germany. The fate of these workers is terrible. They are treated literally like slaves. Official orders remind the German population that it must not degrade itself by social contacts with a lower race. The food is even worse than that of the German workers, and the wages are illusory, because, if the Czech worker in Germany saves something, he cannot send it either to his family at home or take it with him if he is allowed to return."

German Terrorism

Terrible though the picture may be, it needs the long list of authenticated instances of the German terror that this survey contains to drive home the horror Czechoslovakia has known and is still experiencing because she dared to set democracy before totalitarianism.

Within two months of Hitler's entry into Prague 12,000 Czechs were dead, behind prison bars, or in concentration camps. They represented all classes—politicians, artists, writers, workers, factory owners, army officers, teachers, and professors. None was safe from the Gestapo and its thugs. I quote from the survey:

> Major of the General Staff, Bohumil Klein, Czechoslovakia Military Attache in Budapest, and, after the German occupation, an official of the Czechoslovak Press Bureau, arrested on suspicion of maintaining contacts with foreign countries; tortured to death in prison on October 14, 1936; he was 41 years old.

Lieutenant-Colonel of the General Staff, Tomas Houska, an official of the National Museum, arrested and transferred to Petschek Palace; on the fourth day the torture attained such a degree that this man was no longer in control of himself and he was therefore thrown from the fourth floor on to a stone pavement. The official doctor was compelled to declare that he had committed suicide. This took place probably on December 8, 1939.

Lieutenant-Colonel of the General Staff, Jan Trebrizky, died, on March 25, 1940, in hospital as result of torture. He had been the victim of alternate immersion in boiling and freezing water. In consequence of a stomach disease from which he was suffering, he was artificially maintained alive during his examination and torture, by means of injections.

Leader of every political party, Mayors of inoffensive towns, plain citizens — they are all named, Remes, Tymes, Vaverka, Richter, Zapotocky, and dozens of others — were seized at night and returned to their families as ashes in an urn. It is not a new story, but it is salutary periodically to recall the fate of Czechoslovakia, for there are people who still incline to the belief that perhaps German overlordship of the Balkans would not be such a bad thing.

Suppression Of Culture

From personal persecution, the survey passes, to the attempted Germanisation of the entire nation, documentary evidence of the persecution of the Jews and the Christian Churches, and the ruthless suppression of all forms of Czech culture.

How are the Czechs faring and what are they doing to defeat the German conquerors? Their chief contribution to the common cause is a passive resistance that compels Germany to maintain in the Protectorate at least 250,000 men—army, police, etc. — who could otherwise be used for military adventures.

> Against its will, the Protectorate has become one of the centres of German war production, but, at the same time, it is also one of the centres of sabotage within the Greater Reich. Executions and long prison sentences show how Germany feels this sabotage of its production and transport.

Undaunted by their sufferings, Czechs look forward to the day when mankind will set about the task of organising Europe afresh. Again quoting the Provisional Czech Government's survey: "We are aware that democracy as it was before this war was not perfect—this also explains its temporary disappearance in so many countries—and that it must therefore be expanded and intensified, especially in the economic and social respects. Czechoslovakia is quite ready to take part in all attempts at a reasonable organisation of postwar Europe, she will accept all practical solutions of the problem of European economic solidarity, she will not shirk any restriction of political sovereignty as long as it is also accepted by the other States of Europe."

Seldom in history can such suffering as the Czechs face to-day have produced such truly Christ-like humility.

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FRANCE BETRAYS

The news that whether openly or otherwise the Germans are likely to be given "transport facilities" in French North and West Africa is a matter of greatest gravity.

The situation is perfectly clear. Constant, discreetly exercised pressure on Admiral Darlan has made him exercise similar constant and discreet pressure on Marshal Petain.

The result is a further breach of the armistice terms between Germany and France.

In this situation plain action must be used. In the Europe created by the rise of the German Empire Britain has been France's faithful friend. The British people have felt the sincerest sorrow for the tribulations to which the French people have been subjected.

But this is a war between civilisation and the enemies of civilisation, and there can be no hesitating or temporising. Do the French people realise the end towards which their present rulers are leading them?

The French must understand that there cannot be, there will not be, any half measures.

America is now near going so far as saying that he who is not with us is against us. It might have been better if we had all said that long before now. But we have reached the point of saying that we really are against those who are against us.

TIME FOR ACTION

The time has come when we must seriously consider the question of territorial waters. Both Great Britain and the United States of America should ask themselves how the privileges hitherto attached to territorial waters are affecting their operations in the war.

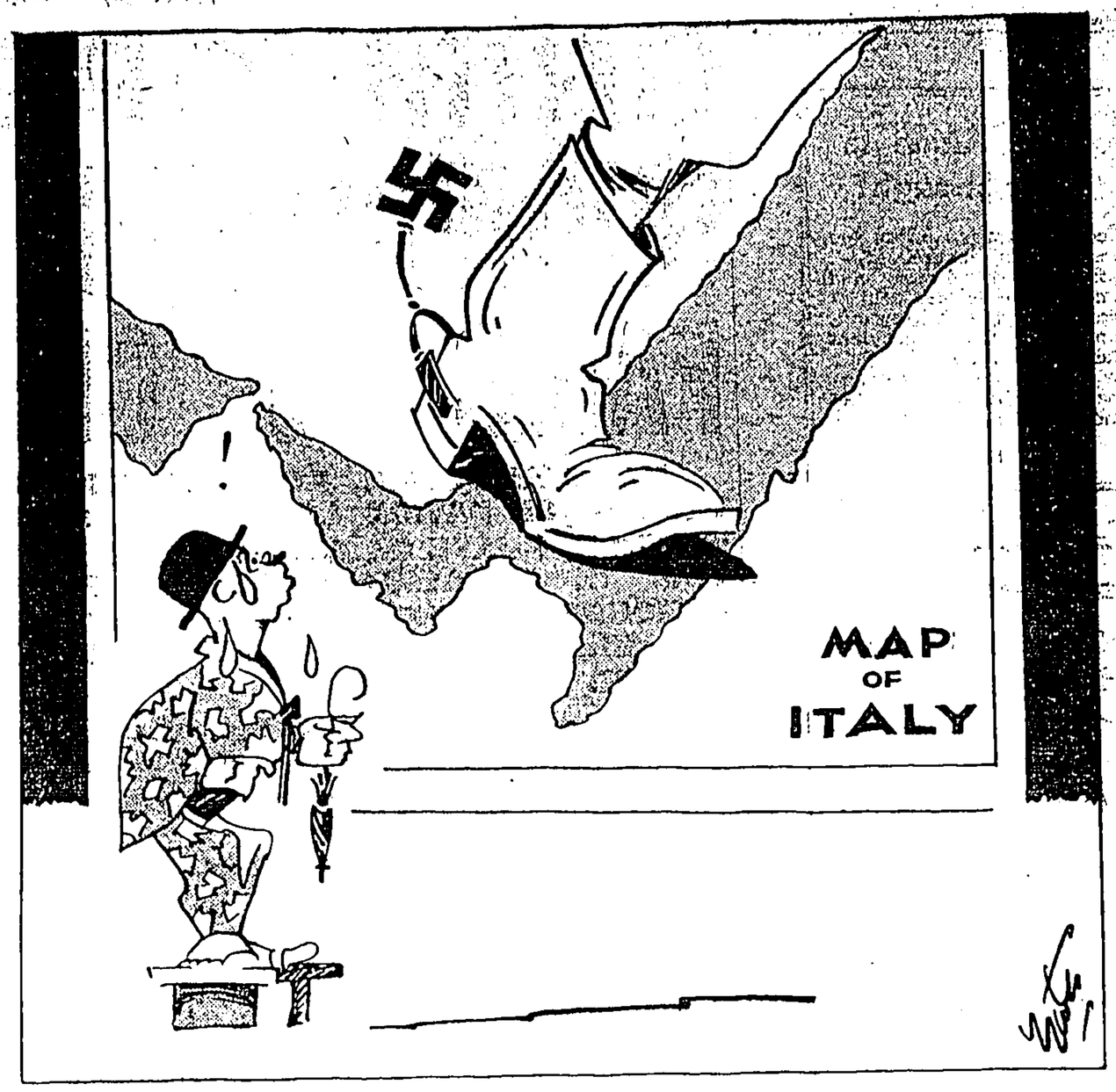
Before the breach between Germany and Norway the territorial waters of the latter country were in constant use by the former for belligerent purposes. The final result of that enemy use brought about disaster, not only for Norway but for us.

There is the strongest reason to believe that the territorial waters of the few neutral countries not under German control, also of those other countries, are being used without protest by the countries concerned.

International law today has no force. For the Nazis it simply does not exist.

The mysterious freedom with which German and Italian submarines ply their destructive tasks from bases on the West Coast of Europe, the West Coast of Africa, and from other spots is only possible because of a farcical regard for restrictions which are ignored by our enemies.

As Hamlet once said, "Want of principle is power. Truth and honesty set a limit to our efforts which impudence and hypocrisy easily overleap."



BETWEEN FRIENDS

Under Nazi Rule

One of the Macmillan War Pamphlets, published at the popular price of threepence, is written by Mr. A. P. Herbert, M.P., and it is entitled Let There Be Liberty. He concludes by giving a memorable picture of the average German under Nazi rule. Mr. Herbert states:—

"In case there is anyone who is still lukewarm about 'Our Liberties' or thinks they are not worth fighting for, let him try to imagine a day without them. He wakes, a little anxiously, and sees the daylight with relief, for in the dead of any night the political police may invade his home without warning, or without warrant.

"He finds, I suppose, a newspaper with his breakfast or at the station; but every day there is nothing in it but praise for his rulers and what they do, dictated by the same rulers. It is no use for him to say, as every indignant Englishman may do, 'I shall write to the papers about it,' for there is no paper that may print his accusations. In the train, in the office, in the street, he will not speak his mind on any public affairs without lowering his voice.

"At lunch-time, in the restaurant, the notice 'Do not discuss politics' hangs over his table—not in wartime only but in peace. If it is a Sunday, he may go to his place of worship; but he cannot be sure that the priest will not be in prison.

The German In His Home

"There are spies at the window, at the back-door; he cannot trust his servants; his children may give him away at school. If upon some charge, however false, he is arrested, there is no Magna Carta to which he can appeal, no writ of habeas corpus, no nonsense about imprisonment without trial, about the right to be heard by counsel.

"So the day passes—his body fed, maybe, his mind and muscles occupied, his income adequate—but what a life! And at the end of the day there is perhaps the saddest, most degrading scene of all. This man, this fine flower of centuries of civilisation, is permitted to know nothing of what is being said and done outside his own country.

"He is the heir of centuries of scientific discovery: he has all the manifold and magical channels of modern communications at his disposal. Yet he is as remote, as ignorant of the world, as the savage in the jungle, for every channel is closed to him by his own paternal Government. . . . .

"Yet at night, starving for knowledge, he determines to risk death for it. He turns on his wireless and allows to blare through a loud-speaker some crude patriotic speech or music. Then, clapping ear-phones to his ears and cowering in a cupboard or under the bed-clothes, he listens, guilty and terrified, to the news of the world. And so to bed.

"Such is the condition of darkness to which Herr Hitler has brought his people: such is the fate of all who fall under his 'protection.' We are last—or last but one—upon his list. But I am not going to press that point. It has become almost irrelevant. The time has gone by when any given country could say properly, 'Am I concerned in, or endangered by this affair? If not, I will keep out of it.' All countries, that are, or were, part of the healthy civilised order of things are concerned in this; because the whole of that order is threatened by the German pestilence.

There Should Be No Neutral

"It is no longer nation against nation—it is black against white—the devil against God—or what you will. Who, if I am right, can be lukewarm in such a struggle? There never should have been a neutral in this war and sooner or later, there will be none.

"But we cannot expect the unhappy, ill-defended neutrals to come in with us so long as there is a single sign of flabbiness or doubt among us. Let us expel them both. Those of us who can find no fun in war can surely at least find fire for this one. We do not fight for dividends or domination, we fight against the powers of darkness. We are in the van of those who say, 'Let there be liberty. Let there be light.'

"We are entitled to use once more the words of John Milton: 'Me-thinks I see in my mind a noble and puissant nation, rousing herself like a strong man after sleep, and shaking her invincible locks.'"

An Author's Creed

"War With Honour" is the title chosen by Mr. A. A. Milne the eminent novelist and writer. His summing up is typical of his pamphlet's message:—

"I believe that twice one is two, and I also believe these things," asserts Mr. Milne:—

"I believe that Nazi rule is the foulest abomination with which mankind has ever been faced.

"I believe that, if it is unresisted it will spread over, and corrupt, the whole world.

"I believe that no decent man, no humane man, no honest man, no man of courage, intelligence or imagination: no man who ever had a kindly thought for his neighbour or compassion for the innocent: no lover of truth, no lover of freedom could wish to have a place in that world.

"I believe, therefore, that it is as much the duty of mankind to reject such a world as it is the duty of any community to reject gangster rule.

"I see no way of doing this save by the use of force.

"I am not frightened by words. If this use of force be called International War, then for the first time in my life I approve of International War; if it be called Civil War, then, not for the first time, I approve of Civil War. If it be called Resistance to Evil, then, as (I hope) always, I am for resistance to evil.

"Only when we have resisted it and overcome it can Civilisation resume its march.

"Perhaps I can best come to an end by quoting from some lines which I addressed to America at the beginning of May:—

"Yes, 'War is Hell.'
And Peace is Hell, if it's Peace with the Devil in power . . .
Yet, if this is not your quarrel, and not your hour,
If you have chosen Peace, you have chosen well.
But—scatter your armies, burn your ships,
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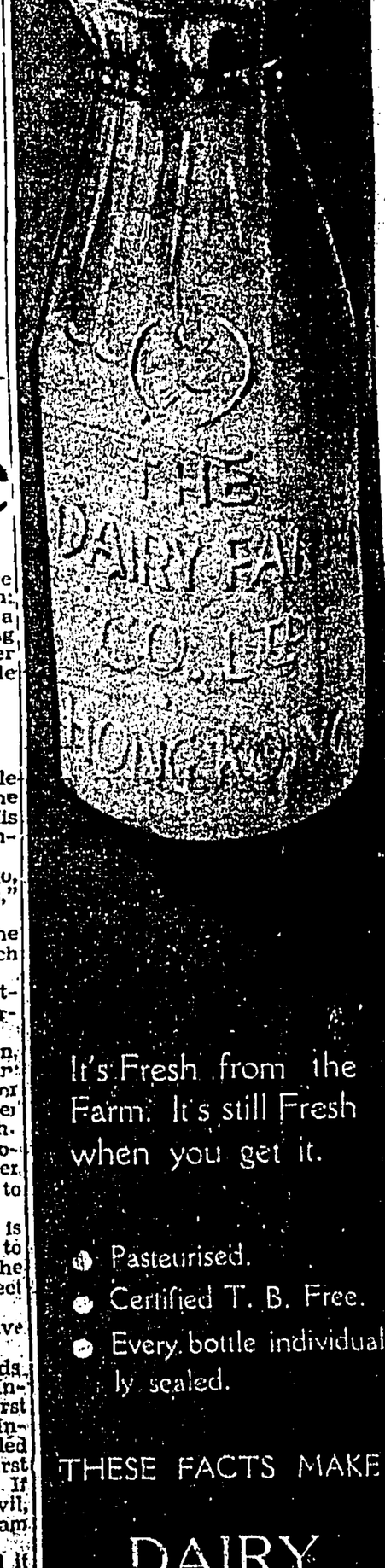

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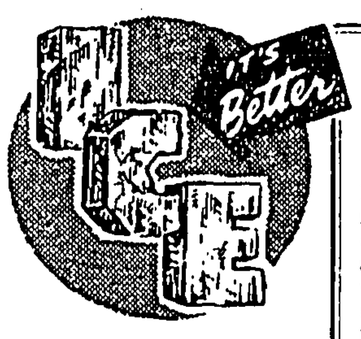

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MARSHAL PETAIN BROADCASTS BUT FAILS TO CLEAR AIR

MARSHAL PETAIN, BROADCASTING TO THE FRENCH NATION LAST NIGHT, SAID: "FRENCH, I HAVE GRAVE THINGS TO TELL YOU. IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FALSE RUMOURS AND INTRIGUES A VERITABLE UNEASINESS IS GRIPPING THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE.

"My name is invoked too often, even against the Government, to justify the alleged beneficial underratings which are in fact appeals to indiscipline.

"It is easy to understand the reasons for this uneasiness. When the war continues on the frontiers of a nation which defeat has put hors de combat but whose Empire remains vulnerable, everyone asks himself with anguish 'What is the future of my country?'

"Insidious propaganda is adding to the confusion of spirit and a sense of national interest ends by losing its rightness and its vigour.

Relations With Nazis

"Our relations with Germany are by an armistice convention whose character could only be provisional. Prolongation of this situation renders it more difficult to support since it governs relations between two great nations.

"As to the collaboration offered in October, 1940, by the Chancellor of the German Reich under conditions the great courtesy of which I appreciate, it is a work of slow development and could not yet bear all its fruits.

Larger Horizon

"We must know how to orientate ourselves towards the larger horizon which reconciled and continued can open up to our activities.

"That is the end to which we are guiding our efforts. But it is a huge task calling for our will and our patience.

"With regard to Italy our relations are also regulated by the armistice convention. Here again our wish is to escape from provisional relations and establish more stable bonds without which European order cannot be built up again.

"I would like to recall to the great American Republic the reasons why she need not fear a decline of French ideals.

Instinct Of Freedom

"Our parliamentary democracy, which is dead, had few traits in common with the democracy of the United States but the instinct of freedom still lives in us, proud and strong.

"Our difficulties and mistakes arise above all from troubled minds, lack of men and scarcity of products. The disturbance of our spirit does not only arise from the vicissitudes of our foreign policy but above all from our slowness in reconstructing the new order.

"The national revolution has not yet become a fact. This is because between the people and myself rose a double barrier raised by upholders of the new regime and servants of trust.

Despicable Tutelage

"In the light of experience I shall rectify the work and shall take up again against egoistic and blind capitalism the struggle that the kings of France waged and won against feudalism.

"I wish that our country shall be freed from the most despicable tutelage, that of money."

Marshal Petain then declared that he would deal rigorously against irresponsible professional organisations led by "mercenary considerations."

It was scandalous, he said, that fortunes should be built up on the general wretchedness and was all the more revolting since the French people during the past year had accomplished an immense task despite privations of all kinds in most difficult conditions.

It was thanks to this effort that the life of the country had been maintained following the defeat.

Twelve Points

Finally Marshal Petain summed up in 12 points an immediate programme of political action drawn up by his Government:—

"The problem of government goes beyond the framework of a simple ministerial reshuffle. It requires above all the rigid upholding of certain principles.

"Authority no longer comes from below. It is properly that which I confide and delegate.

"I delegate it in the first place to Admiral Darlan towards whom opinion has not shown itself either always favourable or always fair but who has never failed to help me with his loyalty and courage.

"I have entrusted him with the Ministry of National Defence so that he can exert over the whole of our land, sea and air forces more direct control.

Clear Line

"To the Government which surrounds him I shall leave the necessary initiative. I mean, however, to lay down for it in certain spheres a very clear line, and this is what I have decided:

"The activities of all parties and political groups are suspended in non-occupied France.

"The salaries of members of parliament are abolished.

"Sanctions will be taken against civil servants who are Freemasons and holders of high Masonic rank will be excluded from public functions.

"The Legion remains the best instrument of national resurrection in non-occupied France but is still under Government control."—Reuter.

BURMA DEFENCE CONTROL

An important step forward in the constitution of Burma, and in the sphere of defence has been taken with the reconstitution of the Burman Defence Council, with the Burmese Prime Minister, U. Saw, as the vice-chairman.

The announcement was made in a communique from Government House in Rangoon yesterday.

The Governor of Burma continues as chairman, and the Council will hold frequent meetings and will be fully informed of developments in the war situation.

The Governor makes himself acquainted with its views on all broad questions of policy relating to defence and foreign affairs as far as they affect Burma.

The Council was first established at the end of September 1939 "to simplify and expedite consideration and decision of problems connected with war other than those falling within the sphere of the military command."

The Burmese members have a numerical majority in the Council.—Reuter.

BARON SCHRODER'S CODICIL

In a codicil to the Will in which he left £502,000, Baron R. B. Schroder, the merchant banker, stated: "I hereby revoke any legacy to a person of German nationality."

Baron Schroder, Chairman of the Continental and Industrial Trust, died last December aged 73. —British Wireless.

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S POWERS

Admiral Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Minister of National Defence, it was announced in Vichy yesterday.

Henry Moysset, Secretary of State at the Prime Minister's office, and Lucien Romier have been appointed Ministers of State.

Paul Merion, Secretary-General at the Prime Minister's office, has been appointed Secretary-General of News and Propaganda.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, manifested unusual interest in the increased powers conferred on Admiral Darlan but withheld comment pending further information.

Mr. Hull said it was certainly a matter which the U.S. wished to verify and see exactly what the significance would be before commenting on its effect on Franco-American relations. —Reuter.

***It is believed that the effect of the new appointment is to give Admiral Darlan complete control over all naval and military affairs, and makes every commander subject to his orders.

NAZIS THREATEN BISHOP'S WIFE

The Germans in Norway continue to take extraordinary measures to prevent the publication of the pastoral letter of the Norwegian bishops, in which they criticise the Quisling administration, says the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.

The wife of the Bishop of Tromso was threatened with arrest by German military police if the bishop read the letter while preaching recently in Tromso. The Germans marched into the church and took her outside.

When she stated that she did not know whether the letter would be read or not they allowed her to reenter the church and went in themselves to take note of what the bishop said.

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S NEW POST: THE EXPLANATION

A SEMI-OFFICIAL Vichy statement, explaining Admiral Darlan's new post as Minister of National Defence, says: "While keeping his offices as Vice-Premier and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, as well as Secretary of State for the Navy, Admiral Darlan now takes over all military powers.

"The Secretaries of State for War, Navy and the Air are all under him.

"General Huntziger remains Secretary of State for War, General Gergeret as Secretary of State for Air, and Admiral Platon Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"The Minister for National Defence is responsible for the general organisation of national defence, for the distribution and use of armed forces, and for the general inspection of the armed forces."

New Cabinet

The Vichy Cabinet, with Marshal Petain as the head, is now composed as follows:

Vice Premier, Minister for National Defence, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Secretary of State for the Navy Admiral Darlan;

War, General Huntziger;

Justice, M. Barthelemy;

Interior, Pucheux;

National Economy and Finance, Bouthillier;

Agriculture, Cazot;

Supplies, Chanbin;

Co-ordination of the new Institutions, Moysset;

Minister of State and Permanent Delegate of the Chief of State to the National Council, Romier. Reuter.

RABAUL ERUPTION

A huge black cloud of dust and steam shot up 3,500 feet above Rabaul as the crater of Tarvur-vur volcano blew out.

The eruption, which caused no damage, was the first of any magnitude since that of June, 1937, in which two whites and 16 natives were killed.

The eruption began at 7.40 a.m. No tremors were recorded, and no explosions heard. The first sign was the sudden appearance of a black cauliflower-shaped cloud about 700 feet high, which rapidly grew and spread. It drifted over Mount Mother and Namanula, causing a very light shower of black scoria. Later there were three minor puffs, the highest reaching 300 feet above the crater mouth.

There was no activity at Vulcan or Rabalanakaia craters.

Further small puffs of smoke occurred during the morning at two to three minutes intervals up to 12 noon. Everything is quiet in the town.

In the 1937 eruption, Rabaul (which is the capital of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea) was partly buried under pumice ash and dust from the volcanoes Vulcan and Matupi. About 500 residents were evacuated and emergency supplies rushed to Rabaul by steamer. Only Government officials remained. Business was resumed after 10 days.

INJURED MAN SAVED WORKS

Gallantry at a gas plant has gained the George Medal for John Sussex, of Erith. Fragments of bomb had punctured the plant and caused a considerable leakage, which was particularly dangerous owing to the proximity of boiler furnaces.

Sussex, though injured, groped about in the darkness amid falling debris and hot water, and took steps to prevent further damage to the works and injury to the staff.

Outstanding among other acts of civilian courage recorded in a new list of awards announced recently is that of Augustus Jack Davis, carpenter's labourer, of the Gas Light and Coke Co. Davis, who has been awarded the British Empire Medal, was on duty when two incendiary bombs fell on top of a gas-holder 90ft. high. These lit up the works and the raiders dropped more bombs.

With complete disregard for his own safety Davis climbed to the top of the holder, scooped up the incendiaries in his helmet, and safely made his way to the ground.

The Rev. C. H. B. Ridler, Rector of St. John's Church, Old Trafford, becomes an M.B.E. The "London Gazette" stated that during raids on Manchester he set a splendid example to all with whom he came in contact.

The "Gazette" announced five other awards of the George Medal to A.R.P. workers and one policeman, P.c. James Clegg, Lancs County Constabulary. Among 13 persons to whom the British Empire Medal has been awarded are firemen, wardens, members of rescue parties, and ambulance drivers.

FATE OF PRISONERS

The Germans are attempting to humiliate British prisoners in Greece, and have forced them to clean the streets of Athens, with an unexpected result, reports the correspondent of "The Times" at Istanbul.

He states that the prisoners became centres of popular demonstrations and hero worship. Greeks surrounded them and threw sweets, flowers, and bread.

The infuriated Germans placed two armed soldiers near every street cleaner, and threatened to shoot if the crowds showed the slightest sign of interest in them.

STEEL HELMETS FOR ONE IN THREE

One person in three in Britain now has a steel helmet following the addition of 2,700,000 of a new type to 14 million already distributed to the fighting forces, police, civil defence, fire watchers and industrial workers.—British Wireless.

GOEBBELS TELLS

Germany's air raid precautions to-day are no longer a matter to joke about, but one of "bloody seriousness" as protection against the attacks of the enemy.

Goebbels gave this warning recently at a reception in Berlin to A.R.P. delegates from all over the country. It was broadcast by all German stations.

Goebbels protested against U.S. opinion that the English are of harder stuff than the Germans. "We sacrificed," he said, "two million dead and several hundred thousand children who starved to death during the war."

But he admitted: "It still remains to be seen what sacrifice the German people will be able to bear under its leadership of to-day.

"We have all reason to be proud of the attitude of the German people. Many of you have been decorated and many bear the scars received in air raids.

"Suffered Heavily"

"Some of our districts have so far been spared or suffered only slightly, but others again have suffered heavily.

"It may to-day be more comfortable to live in one of the districts which were not touched, but after the war it will be an honour to have lived in a district which was in the middle of the attack.

"We used to differentiate between the front and the home land. To-day the boundaries between these two zones are often non-existent.

"How will it be possible to speak of Kiel, Bremen and Hamburg? They are in the very midst of the front.

"During the heavy air attacks you are always risking your life, your property and your family like the soldiers."

CANADIAN NAVY CHIEF IN LONDON

Mr. Angus Macdonald, Canadian Minister of Naval Defence, Rear-Admiral P. W. Nelles, Chief of the Canadian Naval Staff, and Captain Houghton, R.C.N., who arrived in London recently to confer with British officials on matters connected with the Dominion Navy visited the Admiralty.

They will shortly leave London to inspect Canadian naval personnel serving in the U.K. and will also make a tour of inspection of British shipbuilding yards. — British Wireless.

AGAIN SHE DARES SEA TO WED

Undaunted by a mid-ocean escape from a U-boat sinking when on her way to wed in South Africa, Lavina Ainley, 21, is making plans to sail again.

Her first ship was torpedoed and shelled in the Atlantic. Lavina's wedding dress, trousseau and presents — including glass and silver — went down with it.

Lavina spent twenty-one hours in a boat. Then she was rescued and brought back to England. Immediately she decided to start all over again.

She cabled her fiance saying she would be coming out for the wedding on the first available boat.

More Presents

"And I mean that," she said, "although my family are begging me not to risk the voyage a second time.

"Some of my friends are insisting on giving me their presents all over again, so I'm taking a second batch with me. But this time I'll buy my trousseau when I get there."

Lavina is a Liverpool nurse, and she is to wed Mr. Hermann C. Van Den Berg, Liverpool footballer, in South Africa.

Wearing her sister's frock, her face still tanned from the fierce sun during her twenty-one hours in a lifeboat, she told a reporter: "I became engaged to Hermann a year ago. When he returned home to join the South African Air Force I promised to follow him in May."

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BRIDGE NOTES

THE INITIAL ERROR
By The Four Aces

"Please tell us where we went wrong," writes Mrs. G. M. H., of St. Elmo, Ill. "As you can see, it was a grand slam in spades, yet we played it only for game

West, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 9 5 3 2
♡ 9 7
◇ —
♣ A K Q 9 4 3

WEST
♠ J 10
♡ K Q J 4 2
◇ A K 8 4
♣ 6 2

EAST
♠ 8 7
♡ 10 8 3
◇ J 9 6 5 2
♣ J 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K Q 6 4
♡ A 6 5
◇ Q 10 7 3
♣ 10 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♡	2♣	Pass	2♠
3♡	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"Even if North had jumped to four spades, South would not have bid the grand slam. How should the bidding have gone?"

We think that North underbid all the way through. Surely when South voluntarily bids two spades, North should make sure of getting to game by raising to four spades! But even that would not lead to a slam contract. And for that, the initial error is responsible.

When North mildly bids two clubs over West's opening bid, South has no way of knowing that the North hand is tremendously powerful. North's failure to make a very strong bid at his first chance brands his hand as only moderately strong no matter what he does later on. North must get off on the right foot by doubling one heart.

After a double by North, South would take out with one spade (almost with two spades). North would then jump to four spades, being willing to play for game if South has nothing but four small spades and no high-card strength. Since South has so much more than four small spades, she would then make some slam try—such as five hearts. And once South shows ability to take care of hearts, North would go all the way to six spades. Reaching seven is pretty difficult and depends as much on an optimistic temperament as on skill.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3
♡ A Q 7 3 2
◇ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Miller	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	2◇
Pass	2♡	Pass	3◇
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. Although your partner was not strong enough to go to no-trump, raise hearts, jump rebid diamonds or bid another suit, he must still have a good hand for his vulnerable overcall. Your hand is good enough for a second try for game.

Score 100% for four diamonds, 40% for five diamonds, 30% for three hearts, 20% for pass.

Question No. 793

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q J 5
♡ K J 7 3 2
◇ A Q 9
♣ 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Miller	You
1♣	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CATHOLICS AND NAZIS

Roman Catholic bishops in Greater Germany, in a pastoral letter, appeal to the adherents of the Church to hold fast to their faith at a time when "the existence or non-existence of Christianity in Germany is at stake."

They assail Nazi activities against the Church, and cite an unnamed book, in which readers are told that Germany faces the choice between Christ and the Fatherland.

"To combat such tendencies," the pastoral letter continues, "Catholics must make each home a House of God."

The letter praises the German soldiers, and states that the Church is loyal to the Government, and gladly shoulders the burdens of the times, but the sacrifices have their limits when it comes to a question of compromising the Faith.

As the first bitter protest read from the pulpits during the war, the letter had a startling effect among Roman Catholics.

U.S. Bishop's Attack

Bishop Joseph Hurley, a high-ranking Roman Catholic dignitary, in a national broadcast from Washington, said the war was no longer a diplomatic or political affair, but had entered the zone of strategy, and that President Roosevelt, as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. forces, rather than Congress, should decide whether and when the United States should enter the war against Germany.

Nazi sympathisers in the United States, he proceeded, were trying to picture the war between Russia and Germany as a holy crusade against Communism, but the bald facts were that Germany, in violation of a treaty, had launched an unprovoked and undeclared war of aggression against the Communists—their former partners in crime. The recluse of Berchtesgaden (Hitler) was hardly suited for the role of Peter the Hermit. The Nazi remained enemy No. 1 of America and the world.

[Peter the Hermit was a French preacher, who was a priest at Amiens when Pope Urban, in 1095, declared the first crusade. Peter, who was only one of the many wandering preachers who urged on the crusade, led one band of Crusaders from Cologne to Constantinople, and eventually reached the Holy Land.]

REPLY TO GERMAN LEAFLET

Photographs of the leaflets which the German pilot dropped over a village in the east of England, have been published in several newspapers, which remind readers of the difference between this treatment and that given by the Germans to British leaflets.

[The leaflets, printed in English, dealt with the Battle of the Atlantic, and quoted facts given by President Roosevelt and figures of British tonnage sunk.]

It is pointed out that Germans who more than glance at such leaflets are lucky to escape with their life, showing the profound mistrust in which Hitler holds his people. The publicity given here to the German leaflets shows the trust in which Britons hold one another.

The German statements can easily be refuted. Four out of five are false, and the fifth irrelevant.

In the first place, the claim that German U-boats, bombers, and Fleet sunk and seriously damage between 700,000 and 1,000,000 tons of British and Allied shipping a month is grossly exaggerated, as shown by figures released by the Admiralty. Even if damaged ships are added—and these are not known by the enemy—the leaflet claim is not reached.

Defence Against Bombing

The Germans claim that all attempts to find a defence against U-boat and bomber have failed. Attempts to find a satisfactory means of defence against submarines, however, are stated to have been successful, and defence against bombing attacks is steadily improving.

President Roosevelt did say, as the Germans claim, that Britain and America can build only two ships for every five sunk, but the Germans do not mention that it was made as a spur to further shipbuilding efforts, and not a confession of impotence, as the leaflet represents.

According to facts stated in the leaflets, the population of Britain has half the ration the Germans get. British and German rations, on paper, are roughly equivalent, but the German rations are only kept at the present figure by loot from the occupied countries. The German rations are deficient in many important factors.

The German claim that Britain cannot feed all her population is not new, but is relevant only if the German boast that supplies are cut off is well founded.

D.F.C. NIGHT FIGHTING

Squadron - Leader Charles Arthur Pritchard, formerly of Manildra, New South Wales, is the first Australian-born pilot to win the D.F.C. for success as a night fighter pilot.

He is serving with the Royal Air Force and has destroyed at least two enemy raiders during night attacks and damaged three others.

The Australian Minister for Air, Mr. McEwen, said that Squadron-Leader Pritchard's daring leadership and brilliant tactics had been a source of inspiration and encouragement to his fellow pilots.

Squadron - Leader Pritchard's record was most impressive. Mr. McEwen added. His persistence in night attacks had resulted in a decided advance in this new military science.

Mr. McEwen said that several R.A.A.F. pilots trained under the Empire Air Training scheme had been posted to a night fighting station. They were using the latest Beau Fighters.

The opinion had already been expressed, he added, that the daring temperament of Australians made them particularly suited for the task of ridding the United Kingdom of the night raider.

"KIPPS" AS FILM

Nearly half a century ago H. G. Wells set his famous novel "Kipps" in Victorian Folkestone. Now the 20th Century-Fox Corporation have filmed it, and as a compliment to the town which has grandly taken what came Folkestone was chosen for the world premiere.

The audience could not have been in happier mood, and the local allusions, such as the the snobbish young woman's line, "A place like Folkestone values people for sheer vulgar prosperity," aroused uproarious merriment.

"Kipps," produced at Shepherd's Bush by Edward Black and directed by Carol Reed, is a comedy of lower middle-class manners, very well acted by Michael Redgrave, Diana Wynyard and Phyllis Calvert. The three principals had come from London for the occasion and had a very warm reception.

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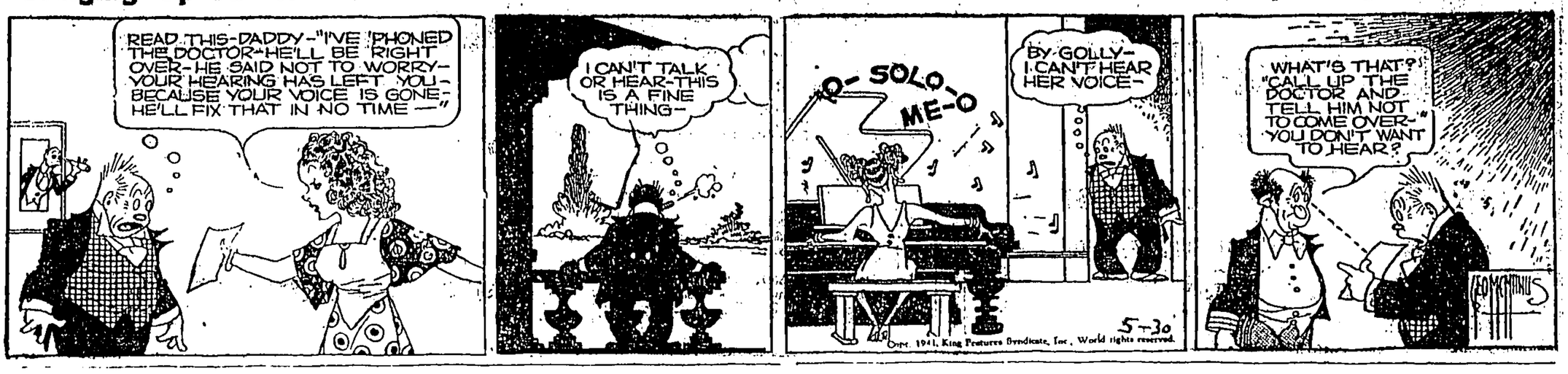

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Preserve Femininity

There is no reason for lady athletes to look athletic, in the opinion of lovely Novotna, soprano star of the Metropolitan, who is herself a sports enthusiast.

Bulging muscles, an angular figure, sun scorched hair and prune-textured skin are not lovely for a woman to possess and Novotna, (whose athletic achievements rival her singing talent) urges young girls to avoid them. She knows a girl can have her sports and hold her beauty too!

"Before I go out for any sport," says this crack rifle shot, tournament tennis player, golfer in the low 70s and skilled horsewoman, "I cover my skin with a protective oil of the anti-sunburn variety, and put pomade on my lips. When I come in, I again apply soothing oils and creams to my skin especially about my eyes. My hair is always protected from the sun by a hat or bandana and twice a month I take hot olive oil shampoos to counteract dryness. Brushing and scalp massage are part of my daily routine."

To Prevent Unlovely Muscle

"You may think it strange to exercise at home to 'undo' the exercise of sports, but I do."

Novotna is tall and slim with pleasing curves, and her skin is gardenia-like in texture and colouring. No one would ever dream that she is also an expert ski-er who makes Christies, jumps and telemarks seem like child's play! She believes in what she calls the "percussion exercises" by which one bumps and thwacks away fatty and hardened tissue which strenuous sports might develop. Here are several which youthful athletes might practice to advantage:

The Calf Slap: Sit on the floor legs straight, hands on the floor behind you. Bend the right knee up as high as it will go, keeping heel on the floor and toes pointing to ceiling. Slide it vigorously forward until it is again in straight position slapping the calf of the leg on the floor as hard as you can. As the right leg goes down the left knee is brought up—a movement which imitates a child pedaling a toy automobile. Remember to bang down your calf each time. Repeat 50 to 100 times, rapidly.

The Hip Throw: Stretch out on the floor with arms extended at sides, shoulder high, chin in, knees bent, feet on floor. Raise your hips from the floor and throw both bent knees down right as hard as you can making a resounding thump. Raise hips again and throw knees down left, hard. Repeat rapidly 75 times to bang off hip and thigh bulges. (Overweights, please copy!)

The Arm Thump: Lie on floor, legs straight, arms at side, chin in. Bend arms and touch shoulders with fingertips. Bring elbows together in front and then thump upper arms down on floor smartly. Repeat this fifty times at least. This reduces bulges magically.

Lovely singing bird, Novotna, is also an accomplished sports woman, but not at the price of her beauty! She is decidedly feminine in her appearance.

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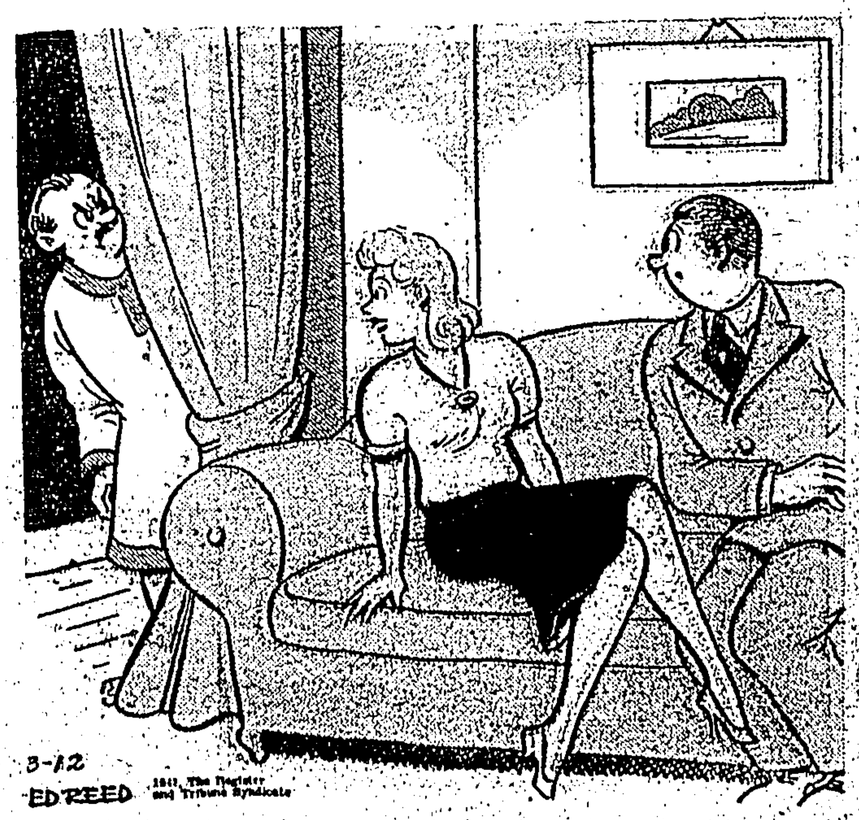

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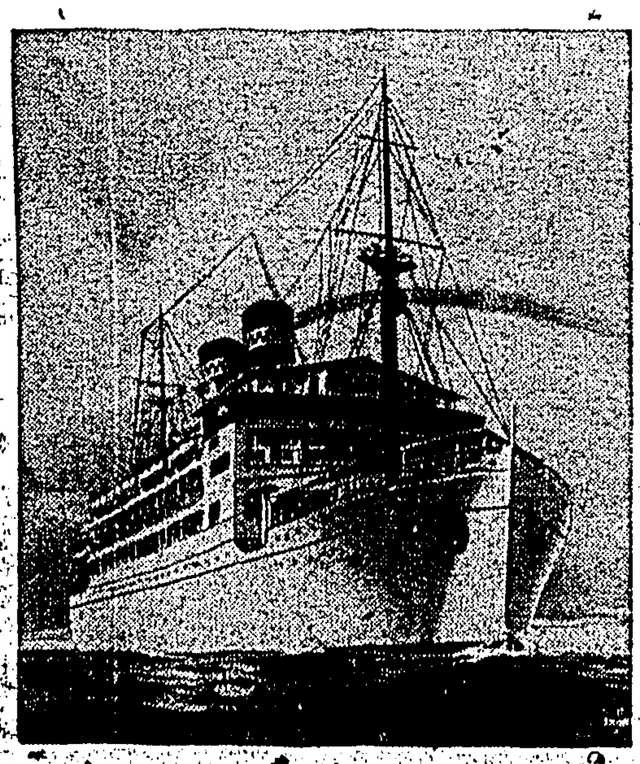

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—A Light French Programme with Albert Prejean (Vocal).
Si Vous Voyiez Celle Que J'Aime; Toujours Content De Moi (Jane Bos & Louis Billaut)....Albert Prejean with Orchestra.
Tiroly—Java Accordeon; Joli Pinson—Polka Accordeon (Deprince)....L'Accordeoniste Deprince et son Orchestre.
La Guinguette A Ferme Ses Volets (Montague & Zwingel); Chanson De Halage (Lenoir & Claude)....Damia with Orchestra.
Mia Piccolina—Slow Fox; Rien Qu'Un Chant D'Amour—Valse....L'Accordeoniste Deprince et son Orchestre.
Signorina ("Voyage de Noce") (Boyer)....Albert Prejean with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Scenes from Noel Coward's "To-night at 8.30".
Scene from "Red Peppers"—Intro: "Has Anybody Seen Our Ship" and "Men About Town". Scene from "Shadow Play"—Intro: "Then"; "Play Orchestra, Play" and "You Were There". Scene from "Family Album"—"Here's A Toast" and "The Musical Box"—Intro: "Hearts and Flowers"....Gertrude Lawrence, Noel Coward and Company acc. by The Phoenix Theatre Orchestra conducted by Clifford Greenwood.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m. — The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Paul Robeson (Bass).
"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1 (Liszt) ... Serge Koussevitzky & Boston Symphony Orchestra.
The Black Emperor; Lonely Road (both from "Song of Freedom"—Eric Ansell)....Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
The Enchanted Lake (Liadow)....Serge Koussevitzky & Boston Symphony Orchestra.
Canoe Song (from film "Sanders of the River" — Wimperis) .... Paul Robeson with Orchestra.

7.17 p.m.—'Cello Solos by Emanuel Feuermann.
Tango (Albeniz—Op. 165 No. 2, arr. Kreisler); Orientale (Kaleidoscope—Op. 50 No. 9); Gavotta and Allegro (from "Sonata"—Valentini, arr. Piatti); Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still (Wrighton).

7.30 p.m.—Half an Hour with Mozart.
Ten Variations in G Major .... Lili Kraus (Piano solo); Don Giovanni—Il Mio Tesoro Intanto (To My Beloved, Hasten!); Turkish March ....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra; L'Epreuve D'Amour....The London Philharmonic Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
A Country Girl—Vocal Gems (Ross and Monckton)....Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
The Land Of Smiles — Selection (Lehar)....London Theatre Orch.
The Quaker Girl—Vocal Gems (Monckton)....The Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Afraid To Say Hello (Taylor & Arlen); My Sister And I (Kramer, Whitney, Zaret)....Bea Wain with Orchestra.
Piano—Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: I'm Stepping Out With A Memory Tonight; All The Things You Are (Hammerstein—Kern); Until You Fall In Love (Popplewell—Carr). Waltz Medley—Intro: The Rose Of Tralee; All Alone (Berlin); By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates)....Eddie Carroll with String Bass.
Monologue—Yorkshire Pudding (Weston & Lee)....Stanley Holloway with Piano.
Vocal & Piano—Yesterday's Dreams (from film "Gasbags"); Down Ev'ry Street (Noel — Pelosi) .... "Hutch" (L. A. Hutchinson).
Theremin & Piano—Lover Come Back To Me (from "New Moon"); Dancing With Tears In My Eyes (Dubin)....Lennington Shewell with Piano.
Vocal—You Do Something To Me (Cole Porter); You Go To My Head (Coots, Gillespie) .... Marlene Dietrich with Orchestra.
Humorous—The Lodger ("Thanking You" — Greatrex Newman) .... Greatrex Newman presents "The Fol-De-Rols".
Vocal—Bluebird of Happiness (Heyman—Harmati) .... John Charles Thomas (Baritone) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ.
Medley of Serenades—Intro: Frasquita (Lehar); Serenade (Heykens); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade ("Student Prince"—Romberg).
Escapada—A Mexican Elopement (Phillips).
Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—A Programme of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—The Karlstad Ball; The Hut-Sut Song....Freddy Martin & his Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trots—Scatterbrain; One Sweet Letter From You....Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.
Tangos—Crepuscule; Por Que?....Geraldo & his Gaucho Tango Orch.
Fox-Trots—Sing A Song of Spring; You Mean So Much To Me....Freddy Martin's Orchestra.
Six-Eight—Entente Cordiale; Quick-Step—Little Boy Bubbles....Jack "Trump" Doyle & his Aces of Rhythm.
Fox-Trot—When I Dream Of You, I Dream Of Old Hawaii; Waltz—Dreamy Moana Nights....Charles Kaina & his Moana Hawaiians.
Quick-Steps—The Best Things In Life Are Free; There's Joy In Your Heart Coming Home....Billy Cotton & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—London—"Britain To-day." Discussion.

11.15 p.m.—Closing down.

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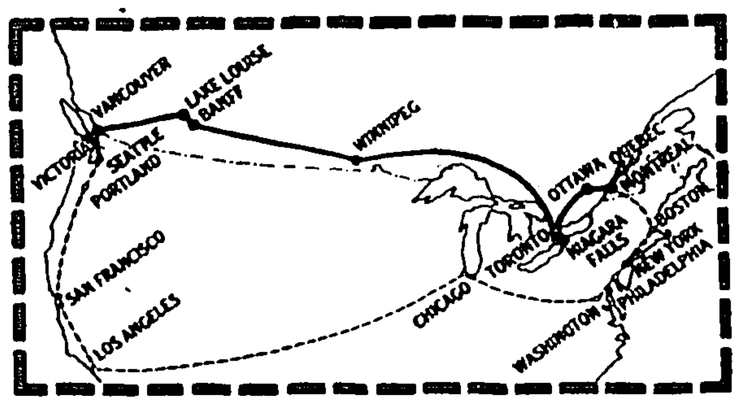

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The paper adds that in one week ships totalling more than 1,100,000 tons were returned to service after repairs had been carried out.

Ship-builders are rushing out merchantmen of all types from barges to big freighters, the paper says.

The Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Herald" says: "That news brings a touch of brightness to the sea picture, which disturbs all except the stupidly complacent. Ships lying damaged or idle in port are just as much out of the war as sunken ships. Britain's ship repairers know this. It is the thought behind the work of rushing damaged ships back into service."

HESITANT STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was inclined to hesitate awaiting Japanese and Ukraine developments but leading industrials continued a good feature especially tobaccos. Shippings were also firm yesterday, with P. and O. 9d higher at 27/6. Gilt-edged occasionally were a shade lower and home rails, oils, rubbers and tins easier. Kaffirs were idle and slightly reactionary but Japanese bonds rallied. Brazilians were also higher while Argentine rails continued firm. --Reuter.

SALE OF SHIPS

A scheme for the sale of Government-built ships to the shipping industry has been accepted in principle by the general council of the British Shipping Council, which will recommend the scheme, the terms of which have not yet been made public, to individual owners.

For some time owners have been urging the Government to make available to them tonnage being built on the Government account. So far the request has been refused.

FROM SHOP BOY TO STORE CHIEF

Sir Sydney Martyn Skinner, chairman for many years of John Barker and Co., Kensington, who has died at East Grinstead, Sussex, aged 76, had a romantic commercial career.

He played a big part in the development of Kensington High Street into a leading shopping centre.

When 10 years old he was accustomed to work from 6.45 a.m. until 11 p.m. He sold goods outside a shop in Deptford High Street, his reward being a cup of cocoa and some cheese. He slept under the counter and walked home next morning.

At 19, having finished a five years' apprenticeship to the drapery trade, he toured Europe with £50, and returned three month later with 3s 6d in his pocket.

His great business ability led to his becoming a director of John Barker and Co. in 1905. He was responsible for many big developments, became a forceful president of the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors, the Drapers' Chamber of Trade and other organisations, and in addition did much municipal work, particularly in education.

His long experience enabled him to make many pointed comments on trade trends, and his views were always followed with interest.

Sir Sydney married Emelie Madeline, daughter of Mr. Samuel Belling, of Bodmin, Cornwall, in 1902. He was knighted in 1922.

Lady Skinner survives her husband with one son and one daughter.

DESTROY NAZI TOWNS – VICAR

Destroy a dozen German towns. A London vicar whose church has been burned down by enemy bombs advocated this in a sermon recently. He said:

"We shall not end this war till we show the Germans that war does not pay. It can only be done by destroying a dozen of their principal towns."

The Rev. F. C. Baker, vicar of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, gave this as one reason for supporting war weapons week — so that when we have enough weapons we can teach the Germans "the long-delayed lesson they must learn."

DARING ESCAPE FROM CRETE

Dramatic stories by troops of their experiences during the Crete evacuation are still coming to light.

The latest is the story of the escape of a party of 77 soldiers and airmen from Crete by crossing the Mediterranean to North Africa in an abandoned boat which was designed for calm, coastal waters. The voyage took three days.

A Queensland sergeant air gunner said "My aircraft had to make a forced landing on a beach in Crete, and the three members of the crew and myself cleared away from the machine.

Not far away we found some army and R.A.F. personnel awaiting evacuation. Next evening another British aircraft made a forced landing and its crew joined us.

"Eventually we met some English and Australian troops, and decided to launch a flat-bottomed landing craft which was washed up on the beach. That evening we got away in this craft, and set a course for Africa. We had a gale all the way. Most of us were seasick.

"Next morning was sighted a submarine, and it opened fire across our bows and stopped us, and our senior officer was ordered to leave. He swam to the submarine, which later came alongside and took off all the officers except one wounded Australian. The submarine commander then told us we were free but must return to Crete.

"Instead, we again set our course for North Africa, and arrived within four miles of the place to which we were navigating."

A.R.P. WORKERS' HOSPITAL

Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, on behalf of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, opened the first convalescent hospital for A.R.P. and other civil defence workers.

The hospital, in the Home Counties, is at a house lent by Mr. and Mrs. R. Dumas, friends of Lord Horder. It can take 50 patients, and 17 and there now.

The hospital is an enlargement of a scheme to rest war-weary civil defence workers who were invited to stay in private houses.

"I read some of the letters from people who stayed in these houses," said Sir Philip Chetwode, "and they made a hardened old soldier like myself swallow and half cry."

The only woman patient, Miss Elsie Mays, who is attached to a Bayswater first-aid unit, was off duty when she was injured.

"I was hoping to be back on duty next week," she said, "but I am told it will take longer."

An A.F.S. member, Mr. A. R. Smith who has lost five members of his family in raids, said: "I am going back to my post."

BATTLE OF WITS IN AIR

A Spitfire pilot who leads a famous auxiliary squadron with a brilliant record at Dunkirk and in the Battle of Britain, recently had a battle of wits with the pilot of a Messerschmitt 109F, Germany's newest fighter, over the Channel, says the Air Ministry News Service.

The pilot, in his report, described the German as "obviously very experienced."

"During a dog-fight off Dover," he said, "one of several ME 109Fs came down and attacked. I saw tracer bullets flying past. I climbed after the enemy. He climbed away from me."

The R.A.F. pilot was determined to get his opponent to come down and attack him. For 10 minutes jockeying for position went on, but "the enemy pilot would not take any chances."

"Finally," says the Spitfire pilot, "I flew straight up into the sun and watched him very carefully. He turned about 1,000 feet above me and came round behind, but still would not attack. At last he dived, and the moment I thought his sights were on me I evaded him. As he shot past I got in a long burst. Bits flew off his machine, which turned on its back, smoking, and dived vertically. When I looked again I saw it splash into the sea."

ARMY WATER-POLO SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the Large Units Water-Polo Knock-out Competition were decided in the Army Pool yesterday, when Royal Scots beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., by 3 goals to 1 and Signals beat Middlesex 2—1.

Millar, Byrne and Laws scored for Royals and Molyneaux for the Gunners.

In the other match goal-scorers were Dignan (2) for Signals and Hymas (Middlesex).

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RECREIO BOWLS CHANGES FOR THE COMING WEEK-END

ALL FOUR OF CLUB DE RECREIO'S TEAMS IN THE LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE WILL BE ENGAGED THIS WEEK-END, AND THOUGH ONLY TWO CHANGES ARE NOTED IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION "A" TEAM, THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER IN THE OTHER COMBINATIONS.

J. F. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves will have the same "A" rinks as last week, but R. F. Luz will return to the side as skip in the third rink, displacing A. P. Guterres, who will return to the "B" team. Luz will lead Soares, C. M. Silva and F. V. V. Ribeiro. Last week Guterres led Soares, Silva, C. G. Silva.

Their "B" match against K.C.C. last week was postponed, and for the game this Saturday, against Police, Guterres will have the same rink as on August 2, when they played Craigengower. J. J. Basto will have C. H. Basto as No. 2 and L. J. Silva at No. 3 in place of O. P. Remedios and C. H. Basto. The third rink will again be skipped by E. Souza, who will have A. F. Noronha, who played No. 2 to him on August 2, as lead with O. P. Remedios coming into the No. 2 berth.

Pereira's New Rink

In Second Division A. P. Pereira, who led Roza, Sequeira and Soares last week, will have Osmund, Alves and Alarcon in his side this time, while Soares takes over a rink from M. A. Carvalho, with Rosario, Barros and Alves as his front men. The rink for Carvalho was the same, excepting that H. R. Pinna was at No. 3. C. C. Pereira will have a new team this Saturday, comprising Barros, Xavier and Remedios. Last week he led Cunha, C. P. Basto and F. Xavier.

Most changes are noted in the Third Division team. Mendonca will have G. A. Pinna and M. A. Guterres as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, instead of Campos and E. A. R. Alves, the latter going to the No. 3 position to Yvanovich to replace G. Guterres. Cunha, lead to C. C. Pereira in Second Division last week, will be Yvanovich's No. 1 in place of Almeida, while E. Alarcon will replace A. M. Silva at No. 2 in this rink.

In the third rink M. F. Pinna will skip instead of E. Alarcon, who goes over to Yvanovich's rink as No. 2. Pinna will have as his front men G. A. Pinna, F. P. Sequeira and A. A. Roza, as against Alarcon's last week's rink of Ferreira, Alves and G. Guterres.

Orem Skipping

Police are making a few changes, including one in the skips' positions, for their First Division match this week against Recreio "B". Orem will take over the rink led by Post and will have Hollands as his No. 3 instead of Nolan, normal No. 3 to Post, though the two first men remain the same.

Post will be No. 2 to Fender, and Forrest, who played in this position last week, will move down to No. 3, the place then occupied by Perkins. Shepherd's four remain intact.

In Third Division the rinks led by Aitken and Carey will not be altered, but Soutar will be lead to Macdonald in place of Headridge, while Nolan comes down from the First Division team to displace McHardy at No. 3. Headridge and McHardy being amongst the reserves for this fixture.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

CLUB DE RECREIO

First Division "A" (v Indian R.C., home):—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier and J. F. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Soares, C. M. Silva, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (skip); F. M. Silva, C. Roza-Pereira, J. E. Noronha and H. A. Alves (skip).

First Division "B" (v Police R.C., home):—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, L. J. Silva and J. J. Basto (skip); A. F. Noronha, O. P. Remedios, J. C. Remedios and E. Souza (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. M. Guterres (skip).

Second Division (v Craigengower C.C., away):—A. J. Osmund, C. M. S. Alves, M. Alarcon, A. P. Pereira (skip); L. A. Rosario, A. V. Barros, H. R. Pinna and J. R. Soares (skip); E. L. Barros, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira. (skip).

Third Division (v Indian R.C., away):—E. Cunha, E. Alarcon, G. Guterres and P. A. Yvanovich (skip); G. A. Pinna, F. P. Sequeira, A. A. Roza and M. F. Pinna (skip); R. Campos, E. A. R. Alves, H. M. Xavier and M. Mendonca (skip).

POLICE R.C.

First Division (v Club de Recreio "B" Away):—W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. Shepherd (skip); C. H. Gough, E. G. Post, J. M. Forrest and J. C. S. Fender (skip); W. Cameron, C. Pile, W. E. Hollands and J. Orem (skip).

Third Division (v Craigengower C.C. Home):—J. E. Hayward, J. S. Riddell, J. R. MacWalter and J. C. Aitken (skip); L. C. Pennell, A. J. Johnson, F. E. Channing and A. E. Carey (skip); A. Soutar, W. M. Smith, F. Nolan and J. W. Macdonald (skip). Reserves:—J. Headridge, G. Davis, W. MacHardy, G. E. Willerton and H. B. Dewar.

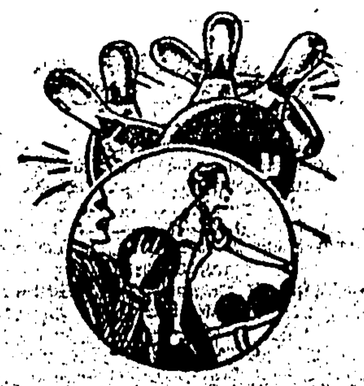
Mr. C. T. Ferguson, a famous athlete for many years, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, recently at the age of 65. He was a field games exponent, and won many State championships and competitions. Joining the South Sydney Club in 1903, he became hon. treasurer, and later transferred to the Police Club. He was one of the organisers of the first Police and Firemen's carnival in 1912. For some years he was chairman of the Amateur Athletic Association council.

SUMMER HOCKEY SERIES

Following so closely the report that the football grounds at Lyemun are being returfed, the news that the authorities at Stanley are contemplating putting the cricket pitch in good condition would indicate that the Artillery are catering for sport in a big way this year.

Apart from looking ahead, making preparations for the Winter season, those responsible for the "Sports Orders" at Stanley have drafted a "summer hockey programme" for the Indian troops, games to be played in the evenings. The tournament will start shortly, and eight teams have entered, with the promise of some really excellent games as the standard of hockey amongst the Indian troops here is considered to be above Club average.

Last Saturday, at Shek-o, Alec Pearce, former Hong Kong Interport cricket captain, had his first game of tennis since his operation for appendicitis. He was playing in the Tennis League yesterday.



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Rowing Meeting This Evening

By "Incog."

At a committee meeting of Rowing Section, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, to be held this evening, the date for the annual meeting will be fixed.

Present indications are that the programme for the next rowing season will be very much on the lines of that for last season, with four rowing regattas off Middle Island as the outstanding events of the year.

In conversation yesterday one of the members of the Rowing Section deplored the lack of interest in rowing amongst the other clubs in the Colony, remarking that it was a great pity that Victoria Recreation Club, who once took such a prominent part in this form of sport, have allowed interest in it to be relegated so much into the background as to make rowing almost non-existent at V.R.C. today.

Efforts will be made to stir up enough interest amongst members of the Volunteers, it is understood, as to make inter-Unit competitions possible, and as not a few members of V.R.C. are also in the Volunteers, a revival in rowing at this club may be brought about in this manner.

ST. LEGER HOPES AT LANARK

Lord Rosebery's Ptolemy, which is considered to have a good outsider's chance in the St. Leger, will have a stiff test when it participates in the historic "Silver Bell," one of England's oldest turf events at Lanark next Saturday.

The "Silver Bell" is said to have been started by William the Lion of Scotland over 700 years ago and has been included in all Lanark programmes since.

Other St. Leger candidates entered include Turkana, which finished second in the Oaks, and Camperdown, which finished seventh in the Derby.

Little Business

The first call-over on the St. Leger, which will be run on September 6, attracted little interest and there was practically no business.

The Derby winner, Owen Tudor, was offered at 9 to 2 and was the favourite, but was not supported. Only four horses, Devonian, Chateau la Rose, Royalist and Bakhtawar excited medium or minor wagers.

Devonian finished up second favourite at 15 to 2, Chateau la Rose 9—1, while Royalist and Bakhtawar were both quoted at 100 to 7.

Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over at Victoria Club:

Owen Tudor 9-2, o; 15/2 t.
Devonian 8/1 o, 9/1 t.
Chateau la Rose 11/1 o, 100/9 t.
Mazarin 100 to 7.
Sun Castle 100-7 o.
Dancing Time 100-7 o.
Orthodox 100/7, o.
Royalist 100-6, t and o.
Bakhtawar 100-6 t and o.
Thoroughfare 18-1.
Firozedin 18/1.
Starwort 20/1.
Ptolemy 25-1.
Lambert Simnel 25/1.
Fettes 33/1.
Camperdown 40-1.
Turkana 40-1.
Sollum 40/1.
Royal Academy, Cuerfley and Felous all offered.—Reuter.

TRAINERS TAKEN TO TASK

In California horses that have shown themselves specially good on soft tracks are to be denied the opportunity of running off weight on hard going.

A Lexington (Ky.) exchange says that the Californian authorities have decided to refuse the entry on fast tracks of horses which have shown they are capable "mudders" but poor performers on hard going.

This action was taken by the board of stewards at Santa Anita, and is discretionary. It is said to be aimed at trainers who have deliberately raced sore horses on hard tracks, but it is a most unusual procedure.

If the weather looked like being fine, and an entry was refused, it would be rather rough on an owner if, after all, the day on which the race was run was wet and the track soft. Californian stewards would seemingly have to shine as weather prophets as well as racing experts.

European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Committee will meet this evening at 6.30 in the West Lounge, when the remainder of the season's programme will be

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E. L. Strange, Hon. Secretary of Hong Kong Football Club, and also a member of that club's lawn bowls team, is at present in hospital with ear trouble.

SHANGHAI AQUATIC PROSPECTS

The Shanghai swimming championship season opens with the A.S.F. gala on Saturday, August 16, and interest in Shanghai aquatic circles now centres on the four events scheduled for this occasion—the men's 220 Yards free-style, the men's 100 Yards breast-stroke, the ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke and the ladies' 50 Yards back-stroke, writes the "North China Daily News."

Although the absence of Jackie Lumsdaine, the sensational young swimmer who shattered all local back-stroke records during the past two seasons, and the retirement of such veterans as Archie Logan and Louie Oliveira, will be keenly felt this year, it is confidently expected that Shanghai's younger blood will keep the colours of the sport flying high as in the past.

Breast-Stroke Certainty

In the absence of Dick Hall—whose record-breaking performances in the breast-stroke matched those of Jackie Lumsdaine — Alex Grebenschikoff should be a certainty to win the 100 Yards breast-stroke event. One or two Chinese swimmers, however, are expected to give him stiff competition, while Jackie Dodd of the Rowing Club is another strong contender for premier honours.

The men's 220 Yards free-style is a very open affair this year. Charles Huang has now returned to Hong Kong and unless some now star has risen on the local swimming horizon in the meantime, it would appear that the race is anybody's meat.

Lady Stars

In the two ladies' events—the 50 Yards breast-stroke and 50 Yards back-stroke—the Misses Jill Peach and Doreen Gray are last year's record-breakers and should be favoured to establish further marks.

The A.S.F. Gala will be followed by the French Club Gala on Saturday, August 23, the Rowing Club Gala on Saturday, August 30, and the Foreign "Y" Gala on Saturday, September 6.

TO-DAY'S AQUATICS

Royal Corps of Signals are holding a swimming gala this afternoon at the Army Pool, commencing at 3 p.m.

It is understood that a number of useful cricketers will be coming up from Malaya to join Hong Kong University when it re-opens after the Summer vacation. No names are thus far available, but one of the undergraduates now resident at University states that he has received news to the effect that three or four really good players will be coming.

LEACH'S RECORD FOR THE FASTEST 50 STILL STANDS

Shanghai Cricket Club's Wanderers, and their other team in Shanghai Cricket League, Stragglers, share top place in the League Tables at the moment, each having secured maximum points for five matches. Recreation Club's Tyros are third, having lost two games in five, while Police, Recs' Colts and Parsees, in that order, are the other teams in the competition.

A. V. T. Dean, Stragglers, who scored 102 retired against Police last week, obtained his first 50 in 60 minutes and the second 50 in exactly half that time.

Donald Leach, who scored 62 for Wanderers against Recs' Colts, holds the record for the fastest 50 of the season so far, his 70 not out recently against Parsees including 50 in only 38 minutes. It should be noted that the second fifty in any innings does not count in the race for the Cup for the fastest 50 in League Cricket.

Following are the best feats in the League to date:

A. V. T. Dean ..... 102 retd.
(First 50 in 60 mins. Second 50 in 30 mins.)*
D. W. Leach ..... 70 not out
(First 50 scored in 38 mins.)
B. B. Boddy 74
F. A. Pitts 73
D. W. Leach 62
F. R. Kermani 59
M. J. Divecha 59
H. P. Madar 59
J. T. Allen 58
A. F. Gomes 55
A. C. Sinclair ..... 51 not out
* (Second 50 does not count in Cup race)

BOWLING

G. B. Elliot ..... 8 for 18
A. Bolsseree ..... 7 for 16
F. R. Kermani ..... 7 for 19
B. B. Boddy ..... 7 for 44
F. R. Kermani ..... 7 for 33
J. C. Jenkins ..... 6 for 37
M. Barma ..... 6 for 41
P. Madar ..... 6 for 73
H. E. Orr ..... 5 for 21
G. B. Elliot ..... 5 for 44
S. E. Shroff ..... 5 for 55
N. Hart-Baker ..... 5 for 27
J. C. Jenkins ..... 5 for 12

Qualification:—Batting scores of 50 and over; Bowling five wickets and over.

Dave Crowley knocked out Tony Ryan (Glasgow) in the third round at High Wycombe recently.

GUEST AND SMITH UPSET CHINESE R.C. IN TENNIS LEAGUE

ARMY TENNIS CLUB PROVIDED THE BIGGEST SURPRISE IN YESTERDAY'S PROGRAMME OF LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE GAMES WHEN THEY HELD CHINESE RECREATION CLUB TO A DRAW IN SECOND DIVISION AT CAUSEWAY BAY, DUE TO CAPT. GUEST AND SGT. SMITH, WHO WON ALL THEIR GAMES.

Chinese Recreation Club at last made a start in First Division when they beat Hong Kong Cricket Club easily. Civil Service registered their first points when they beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2, while in Fourth Division Craigengower Cricket Club maintained their challenge to South China by defeating Kowloon Indians.

Post Office Recreation Club easily accounted for Central British Association. The First Division game between University and Club de Recreio was postponed.

FIRST DIVISION

C.R.C. Win

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2 in First Division of Lawn Tennis League.

Lee Wai-tong and Y. C. Iu (C.R.C.)
beat Lieut S Goodman and T J Gould 6 1
lost to L Goldman and T C Monaghan 5 - 7
beat G W Sewell and D M MacDougall 7 - 5
K. L. Ho and Y. Y. Lam (C.R.C.)
beat Goodman and Gould 6 - 4
beat Goldman and Monaghan 6—3
lost to Sewell and MacDougall 3 - 6
O. L. Pang and K. C. Ng (C.R.C.)
beat Goodman and Gould 6—1
beat Goldman and Monaghan 6—1
beat Sewell and MacDougall 6—2

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	Sets A.	Pts.
I.R.C.	2	2	0	0	11	7	4
Recreio	3	2	1	0	16	11	4
S.C.A.A.	1	1	0	0	6	3	2
C.R.C.	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
K.C.C.	2	1	1	0	12	5	2
H.K.U.T.C.	1	0	1	0	3	6	0
H.K.C.C.	4	0	4	0	10	24	0

SECOND DIVISION

Civil Service's First Points

At Cox's Road Civil Service Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2 in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League.

F. Grose and N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.)
lost to I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall 5—7
lost to B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner 4—6
beat C. Sloan and M. Yatskin 6—4
B. G. Baker and A. Gillard (K.C.C.)
lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 2—6
beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6—4
lost to Sloan and Yatskin 4—6
E. Zimmern and A. Zimmern (K.C.C.)
lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 1—6
lost to Agafuroff and Skinner 4—6
lost to Sloan and Yatskin 2—6

C.R.C. Held

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club drew with Army Tennis Club in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League.

D. C. Luk and L. J. Hon (C.R.C.)
lost to Capt. Guest and Sgt. Smith 4—6
beat Capt. Hyde and Lieut. T. A. Pearce 6—0
beat Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Denyer 6—3

S. W. Liang and K. T. Lai (C.R.C.)
lost to Guest and Smith 5—7
beat Hyde and Pearce 6—1
beat Megson and Denyer 6—2
H. N. Chau and C. Wai (C.R.C.)
lost to Guest and Smith 2—6
drew with Hyde and Pearce 6—6
lost to Megson and Denyer 1—6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	Sets A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	25	2	6
C.R.C.	3	2	0	1	19	8	5
K.T.G.C.A.	4	2	2	0	17½	18½	4
K.C.C.	3	1	2	0	8½	13½	2
C.S.C.C.	4	1	3	0	11	25	2
A.T.C.	3	0	2	1	9	18	1

FOURTH DIVISION

Clean Sweep For C.C.C.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 9 sets to nil in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League.

Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.)
beat Y J Khan and C. M. Khan 6—3
beat A H. Mehal and I. M. Ismail 6—0
beat K. Singh and N. Singh 6—1
T. K. Lin and M. C. Hung (C.C.C.)
beat Khan and Khan 6—1
beat Mehal and Ismail 6—0
beat Singh and Singh 6—2
J. Wong and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.)
beat Khan and Khan 6—0
beat Mehal and Ismail 6—1
beat Singh and Singh 6—2

P.O.R.C.'s Easy Win

At Caroline Hill, Post Office Recreation Club (1) beat Central British Association by 8 sets to 1 in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League.

J. Howlett and W. Morrison (P.O.R.C.)
drew with B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert 6—6
beat D. Smith and D. Tomoshevsky 6—1
beat N. Smith and N. Whitley 6—4
J. Macpherson and A. Leonard (P.O.R.C.)
beat Bickford and Gaubert 6—2
beat Smith and Tomoshevsky 6—3
beat Smith and Whitley 6—2
S. S. Chin and S. K. Chiu (P.O.R.C.)
beat Bickford and Gaubert 6—1
drew with Smith and Tomoshevsky 6—6
beat Smith and Whitley 6—2

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	Sets A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9	9	0	0	66½	14½	18
C.C.C.	9	8	1	0	64½	16½	16
C.R.C.	8	7	1	0	51½	20½	14
F.C.	10	7	3	0	58	29	14
A.T.C.	8	3	4	1	35½	35½	7
I.R.C.	8	3	4	1	27½	44½	7
P.O.R.C. (1)	9	3	6	0	31	50	6
C.B.A.	7	2	5	0	23½	36½	4
J.R.C.	8	1	7	0	23	49	2
P.O.R.C. (2)	8	1	7	0	14	58	2
K.I.T.C.	9	0	9	0	7½	73½	0

VALLEY GOLF RESULTS

Following are the results, to date, in the Second Summer Foursomes, at Happy Valley Golf Course:—

J. M. Thomson and N. J. Booker beat A. McKellar and F. Hillon, 7 and 6;
T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys, 3 and 1;
G. E. Willerton and T. J. Price, received a walk-over from D. Wass and J. W. Macdonald;
H. H. Mundy and W. Stoker beat J. A. D. Morrison and F. D. Hunter, 1 up.

COUNT YOUR CLUBS!

A REPORT FROM MANILA STATES THAT A GOLFER WHO WON A COMPETITION WAS DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE HE HAD 15 CLUBS IN HIS BAG.

According to the Rules of Golf, which are somewhat ambiguous on this point, leaving room for argument, "the game of golf consists of a ball being played from a teeing ground to a hole by successive strokes with clubs (not exceeding 14 in number) and balls made in conformity with the directions laid down. . . ."

There is, however, a precedent for this disqualification which occurred in an important tournament in Great Britain. A player was found to have had 15 clubs, though the 15th club, in this case, did not even belong to the player, having got into his bag by mistake.

When the rule is analysed it will be noted it does not state definitely that only 14 clubs may be carried, hence it may be argued that you can carry more as long as you only use 14.

Motto: Count your clubs before starting off in any tournament.

TENNIS WIN FOR SIGNALS

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Corps of Signals beat 5th A.A. Royal Artillery by 2 games to 1 in "B" Division of the Army Tennis League.

Brakenberry and Rogers (R.C.S.) beat Lieut. Clague and Savage 6—4, 6—4.

Love and Coombe (R.C.S.) lost to Pidgeon and Kirby 3—6, 4—6.

Gorman and Sayers (R.C.S.) beat Manly and Martin 6—0, 6—1.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	33	29	4	29
12th R.A.	30	27	3	27
R.A.M.C. "A"	30	24	6	24
R.A.M.C. "B"	33	24	9	24
36th. R.A.	33	21	12	21
R.A.O.C.	33	18	15	18
5th A.A., R.A.	30	15	15	15
R.E.	33	14	19	14
Middlesex	27	12	15	12
R. Signals	30	12	18	12
24th R.A.	33	12	21	12
R.A.S.C.	27	6	21	6
965th R.A.	36	6	30	6
R.A.P.C.	33	3	30	3

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are to-day's Tennis League fixtures:—

First Division: — H.K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.; C.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.; K.C.C. v. I.R.C.

Third Division: — C.D.R. v. S.C.A.A.; A.T.C. v. I.R.C.; K.T.G.C.A. v. K.I.T.C.; K.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2); C.R.C. (1) v. C.C.C.

W. A. Stewart, well-known golfer, had his first game yesterday, at Deep Water Bay, since he left hospital.

FRESH ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE IN H.K.

WHILE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HAVE NOT BEEN IDLE PREPARING FOR THE COMING SOCCER SEASON, FOOTBALL REFEREES HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING THEIR SHARE AND HAVE ARRANGED A VERY ATTRACTIVE SERIES OF TALKS BY PERSONS CONNECTED WITH LOCAL FOOTBALL.

Referees' Association are fortunate in having such an energetic and conscientious committee, who have brought the Association to its present flourishing state.

Two seasons ago the monthly meetings were badly attended, but in recent years the interest among referees has been maintained even during the close season.

There is no obligation on the part of any referee to join the Association, but everywhere soccer is played referees are advised to form themselves into bodies so that uniform interpretation of the Laws of the Game may be had and the less experienced officials benefit by association with older members.

Whilst several seasons ago there was apathy on the part of a number of referees joining the Association, to-day all registered referees, with one or two exceptions, are members and the benefit to football is reflected in the better control of the games last season.

Instructional Classes

Referees' Association are starting instructional classes shortly and will welcome anyone interested in soccer at these meetings. The committee issue a particular invitation to Chinese players to attend, for they feel that with a better knowledge of the Laws of the Game there will follow less infringements and unnecessary appeals during a game.

The Chinese members of the Association are hoping to use the medium of the Chinese Press for a series of articles on the finer points of the game, in the hope that the public will be better able to understand the decisions of referees.

While the Hong Kong public is, on the whole, a well-behaved one, there have been occasions in the past when ugly situations threatened among the spectators owing to ignorance of the rules.

It has even been suggested by a Chinese member that leaflets on the Laws of the Game be distributed to all affiliated clubs in the hope that a better knowledge of the rules will so be imparted to the public.

Laneford Meeting

Several referees are willing to give up their spare time giving talks to players if necessary, and Laneford, one of the new clubs affiliated to the Association, are holding a meeting shortly when Mr. H. A. Beard, chairman of Referees' Association, will lecture on the game.

When schools re-open it is hoped that lectures will be arranged at the different schools, Chinese members concentrating on the vernacular schools.

This is an ambitious scheme but if it is carried through successfully it will do untold good for local soccer.

The first class for soccer referees will be held on Monday, at Scandal Point Hall, and Lieut. Crossby will be the lecturer.

Hong Kong Football Referees' Association are holding a committee meeting on Thursday at Hotel Cecil at 7 p.m.

PATERSON MASTERS TANNER

Jackie Paterson, British and Empire fly-weight champion, beat Kid Tanner, British Guiana, in the second round at Shawfield Park, Glasgow, recently. This was his third victory over Tanner.

The towel came in from Tanner's corner when he was hanging helplessly over the ropes.

Only the bell saved Tanner in the first round, when he was down for a count of seven.

He had to be assisted to his corner and was still feeling the effects of the blow in the second round when Paterson punched him unmercifully.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Trojans and Chinese Y.M.C.A. are scheduled to meet South China and National University respectively in the Open Basketball League at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening.

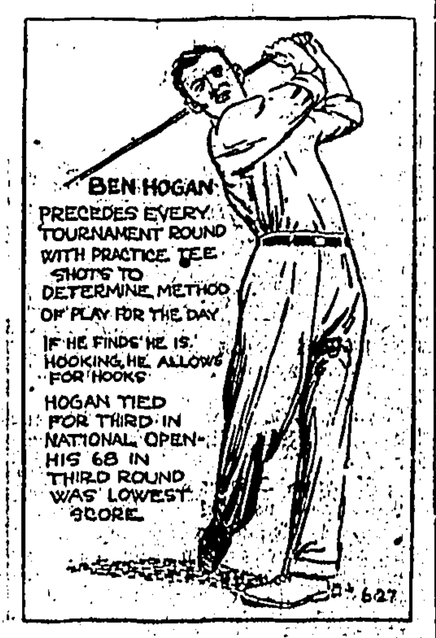
Easier Golf

VALUE OF WARMING-UP

By Best Ball

Ben Hogan, leading money winner so far this year, among the pros, has adopted a rather unique method of preparing for each tournament round. Like other golfers, Hogan uses the practice tee to warm up before actual competition but in addition he employs the knowledge gained in this preliminary practice to decide his system of play for that particular day. Ben is particularly subject to hooking on occasions and when he discovers he is committing this fault in practice, he knows he will very likely be doing it the rest of the day. As a guard against running into too much trouble as a result, he makes allowances for this factor, during the ensuing round.

Though on the slight side in build, Hogan is one of the longer drivers making full use of his poundage by a full backswing and wide arc. His 68 in the National Open was the lowest round of the tournament, a sensational score when one takes into consideration the narrow fairways at the Colonial Club which made hazardous going for one with a tendency to hook.



Next Article:—Fast Swinging.

MASSED BAND CONCERT

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The Massed Bands of The Royal Scots and of The Middlesex Regiments will give a Concert in aid of the above Fund on the ground of the Hong Kong Cricket Club at 9.30 p.m. on SATURDAY, 23rd August.

Everyone attending is asked to buy a programme with badge from the Lady Programme Sellers either on the ground or beforehand.

Tables may be reserved at a charge of $1.00 per person on application and payment to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. I. E. Roberts, Messrs. Thomson & Co., Hong Kong Bank Building.

Refreshments, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, will be served throughout the Concert, the proceeds of which will go almost entirely to the Fund

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RUSSIAN WAR FRONT SITUATION ANALYSED

Nazis Now Fighting Mainly Holding Actions

Attack Diverted Towards Odessa

FOR PURPOSES OF CONVENIENCE, WRITES THE MILITARY COMMENTATOR "ANNALIST," THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT CAN BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR MAIN SECTORS: — THE THRUST AGAINST LENINGRAD, THE THRUST AGAINST MOSCOW, THE THRUST AGAINST KIEV AND THE THRUST AGAINST ODESSA.

Supplementary engagements are proceeding in the extreme north at Murmansk and in Estonia. Neither of these operations is being pressed with vigour or has achieved much success as they are regarded by the Germans as minor issues.

The thrust against Leningrad can be sub-divided into four sectors, east and west of Lake Ladoga and north and south of Lake Peipus.

There has been continuous heavy fighting on all those fronts but the wooded and marshy nature of the territory has favoured the defence and the Russians have yielded very little ground.

The chief German offensive was directed against Moscow. Here both sides have, for the moment, fought themselves to a standstill, with Smolensk as the peak of the German wedge.

New Thrust

While continuing their pressure in this neighbourhood, in order to pin the Russians to their positions, the Germans seem to have altered the direction of the main thrust, so that it is now directed towards Odessa and the Black Sea.

The attempt to outflank Kiev by a giant pincer movement has been held up for several days at Korosten and Byelaya-Tserkov and here too there has been no relaxation of the German pressure or dimunition of the Soviet resistance.

Still seeking a weak spot in the Soviet wall of defence, the German spearhead is now turned towards Odessa, striking down from Uman.

Rear Threatened

This movement threatens the rear of the Russians holding the west bank of the Dniester, and if a gap can be created the Russians would run the risk of being outflanked both at Kiev and Odessa.

There is no confirmation that the German advance has penetrated as far as Pount, 70 miles to the north-east of Nikolaiev.

IF THEY HAVE, THEY ARE BELIEVED TO CONSIST ONLY OF A COLUMN OF TANKS WHICH, WHILE HAVING A NUISANCE VALUE, CANNOT EXPLOIT THEIR POSITION UNLESS ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY.

This does not seem to be the case yet.

The situation shows very little change from Monday as is also apparent from the non-committal German communique.—Reuter.

Japan's Softened Mood

The decision to grant exemption from the application of the regulations freezing assets to all nations on a reciprocal basis was announced yesterday by the Japanese Finance Ministry.

Exemptions will depend upon the treatment of Japanese nationals where the freezing order is being enforced.

Such concessions were granted a week ago to such individuals as the British Ambassador, the Australian Minister and the Acting Canadian Minister and members of their diplomatic corps.

Concessions have also been granted certain British firms in Japan found to be completely controlled by Japanese nationals. —Reuter.

GERMAN TANKS ROUTED

"During the night of August 11 our troops continued fighting in the directions of Kexholm, Solsti, Smolensk and Uman," says a Soviet communique.

"Cooperating with the land troops our air forces struck blows at enemy infantry and mechanised units on the battlefields and at his aircraft on their aerodromes.

"There were no major operations in other directions or sectors."

A large German tank column has been routed in the direction of Korosten by the combined operations of Soviet tanks, aeroplanes, artillery and infantry units.

Fifty German tanks and two A.A. batteries were destroyed.—Reuter.

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SHOCKING BRITISH AIR DISASTER

Twenty-two are believed to have been killed when a trans-oceanic aircraft crashed on a hillside in England yesterday.

The 'plane is believed to have left a British airport.

The Air Ministry issued the following announcement last night:—

"The Air Ministry much regrets to announce that on Sunday last a trans-oceanic aircraft flew into a hillside shortly after taking off from this country and that the 22 passengers and crew lost their lives."—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER N.C.O. DIES OF INJURIES: 11 IN HOSPITAL

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Station while the men were on their way home from exercises.

ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS, GUNNER LAWSON, HAD A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH. HE WAS THROWN SOME 10 FEET INTO THE AIR WHEN THE LORRY CRASHED DOWN THE EMBANKMENT, BUT LANDED ON THE HILLSIDE WITHOUT AS MUCH AS A BRUISE OR SCRATCH.

With the exception of L/Bdr. Roscoe those involved in the accident were all members of the D.E.L. Section and First Detachment of the 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C.

Cable Drum The Cause

The accident occurred at about 9.40 p.m. and is believed to have been due to heavy cable drum, lashed on the lorry, becoming untied and robbing the driver of control of the vehicle.

The lorry swayed violently on the narrow road and then left the highway plunging some 30 feet down the hill. It was badly smashed up against a tree.

Those discharged from hospital after treatment last night were:

J. R. Carr,
C. Zaitzeff,
V. I. Treskin, and
J. B. Pomeroy.

On Danger List

Brown and Buckingham suffered serious injuries and are still not out of danger. Buckingham this morning was stated to be "in a serious condition."

Smith sustained fractured ribs and severe internal injuries; Brown, a compound fracture of the leg and concussion, and Buckingham, head injuries, facial lacerations and concussion.

L. Bdr. Roscoe, R.A., the driver of the lorry, is still in the Bowen Road Military Hospital being treated for a broken ankle. His condition was this morning described as "comfortable."

STOP PRESS

The following is the text of a Soviet communique broadcast by Moscow radio at 11.45 (G.M.T.) last night:—

"During August 12, nothing of importance occurred on the front.

"Our air force, in cooperation with the land forces, dealt blows on enemy infantry and mechanised units.

"Forty-one German aeroplanes were destroyed on August 11. Our losses are 34 'planes.

"Warships and the air arm of the Red Banner Baltic Fleet destroyed four enemy torpedo-boats and two enemy transports on August 11." — Reuter.

Those who were involved in the accident were:

Dennis Edward Smith,
Harry William Buckingham,
John Gerard Heath Lander,
Douglas Harvey Collier Taylor,
W. N. Brown,
W. P. Clemow,
N. F. Tucker,
F. T. Henningsen,
A. Floisand,
C. Zaitzeff,
V. I. Treakin,
J. B. Pomeroy,
B. Lipkowsky,
W. G. Lawson,
J. R. Carr, and
L. Bdr. Roscoe, R.A.

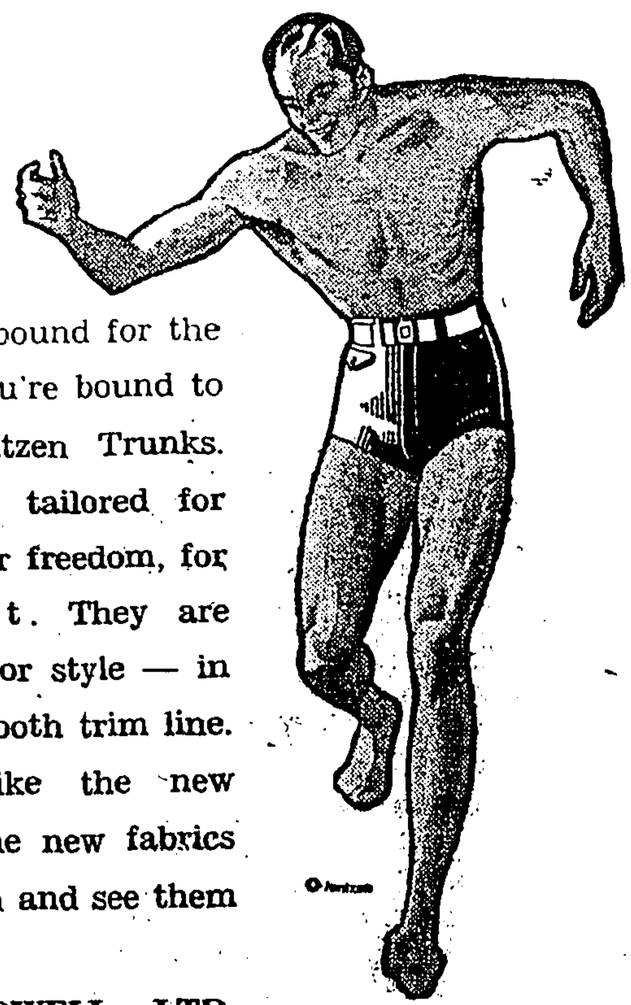
The funeral of the late Bombardier Smith will take place this afternoon.

Members of 1st Battery will fall in at 4.45 at the Monument. Dress will be S.D. cap, tunic, slacks, boots and web belt.

The late Mr. D. E. Smith was a Probationer Member of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff of Government. He served for some time as Storekeeper, Police Department, and was at the end of last year transferred to the Audit Department.

Earlier Mishap

Last night's accident was the second in recent weeks involving members of the First Battery. It may be recalled that in the previous accident, P.S.I. Woods, R.A., was seriously injured near Shatin while returning from Lowu with the First Battery when the motor-cycle which he was driving left the road and plunged into the sea.



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Cossack Cavalry Go Into Action

Germans Unable To Pass Uman

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COSSACK CAVALRY AND THE PEOPLE'S MILITIA HAVE HURLED BACK THE NAZI FORCES IN THE BATTLE OF THE UKRAINE, ACCORDING TO MOSCOW CIRCLES, AND SO CHECKED THE POWERFUL GERMAN DRIVE, THAT THE INVADERS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ADVANCE BEYOND UMAN.

The Nazis are, however, still attempting to force a spearhead to Nikolaiev, outflanking Odessa, while a titanic struggle continues to rage at Smolensk.

Fighting took place yesterday at Solsti, 120 miles south of Leningrad, where the Nazis are threatening the main railway connection with Moscow.

Sixteen German bombers were shot down at Murmansk.

Red bombers attacked Constanza and the Danube port of Chernovoky, hampering the flow of troops and supplies to the Ukraine.

Berlin claims that German panzers and Hungarian troops are "exploiting the advance in the Ukraine." The Nazi radio claims both banks of the Dnieper have been taken "with terrific losses inflicted and the capture of Odessa is imminent." The Nazis also claim for the third successive day that Kiev is "gravely menaced." — International News Service.

Offensive Stayed

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Ferry Pilots Killed

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

SEVEN AMERICAN FLYERS AND 15 BRITISH WERE AMONG THE KILLED IN THE CRASH OF A GIANT 'PLANE IN BRITAIN ANNOUNCED EARLIER BY THE AIR MINISTRY.

It is believed the 'plane was a Boeing flyingboat flying from London to the U.S. with ferry pilots. —International News Service.

UNITED STATES MIGHT BE FORCED TO ACT FIRST

Senator Walter George, until recently Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told reporters yesterday that the United States "might speedily find it necessary to anticipate any participation by Germany in the control of France's western hemisphere possessions by taking over such strategic points as Martinigue." —Reuter.

LE TRAIT RAIDED

BLENHEIM BOMBERS ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS EARLY LAST EVENING ATTACKED SHIPYARDS AT LE TRAIT..

Bombs were dropped on the target and a direct hit was observed on a ship on a slipway.

One enemy fighter was destroyed by escorting British fighters.—Reuter.

HANDS OFF THAI WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Britain has bluntly called on Japan to choose by her future action between war or peace and to keep out of Thai.

An official warning stated that "the Japanese are alone to blame if there is a Pacific war."

The declarations of Australia and Thai and Mr. Eden's speech on August 6 make the position triply clear, it was stated. — International News Service.

STILL TIME FOR SENSE

MR. PETER FRASER, NEW ZEALAND PREMIER, BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT, SAID: "THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION IS SERIOUS BUT THERE IS STILL TIME FOR WISER COUNSELS THAN AGGRESSION TO PREVAIL."

Expressing confidence that if, in spite of every effort at maintaining peace in the Pacific, the tide of war should reach New Zealand and Australia, the Dominion would show the same unyielding determination as the motherland, he declared: "New Zealand will stand shoulder to shoulder with the United Kingdom."—Reuter.

INJURED MEN WALK THREE MILES TO OBTAIN HELP

DESPITE INJURIES and shock, three members of 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C., struggled up a steep bank and walked nearly three miles in pitch darkness to obtain rescue for their comrades, trapped in the debris of the Army lorry which plunged 30 feet over the side of Cape d'Aguilar Road last night.

The three men, Bombardier Taylor, L/Bdr. Zaitzeff and Gunner Pomeroy, according to an eye-witness, were able to extricate themselves from the wreckage and pluckily set out for help, though suffering from injuries themselves and still dazed by the impact.

After walking nearly three miles the three contacted the rest of 1st Battery, who were on the point of leaving by lorries.

While ambulances were telephoned for, members of 1st Battery formed a human chain down the steep hillside and their injured comrades were passed up to the road one by one.

Despite the rapidity of the rescue efforts and medical attention, Bombardier Denis Edward Smith, 22, died in hospital at 7.10 this morning from fractured ribs, internal injuries and shock.

Real Pluck

Of the other survivors, L/Bdr. Harry William Buckingham and Gunner W. N. Brown are the only ones in a serious condition.

Both men, the "China Mail" was told this morning, showed intense pluck in spite of severe pain.

L/Bdr. Buckingham, although badly injured in the head and face, insisted on his comrades being attended to first, while Gunner Brown, who sustained a compound fracture of the leg, amazed rescuers by his cheerful attitude under great pain.

The Army lorry, one normally used for carrying searchlights, plunged off the narrow Cape d'Aguilar Road when a heavy cable drum broke loose and caused the vehicle to sway from side to side.

Swayed Violently

One of the occupants told the "China Mail," "I felt the lorry suddenly start swaying violently from side to side. Next thing I knew there were two bumps and we were over the side."

Tribute was paid to the pluck of Bombardier Taylor and his two companions in going for assistance in spite of their injuries.

Rescue work proceeded amid difficulties, the only light being provided by the headlamps of lorries and a hurricane lamp.

First aid was rendered by members of 1st Battery until the arrival of an Army ambulance with a military doctor, Captain Brown, R.A.M.C., who administered morphia to the more seriously injured.

Ambulances from Queen Mary's Hospital were next on the scene and it was not until 1.30 this morning that the last of the injured, the driver of the lorry, L/Bdr. Roscoe, R.A., was removed to hospital.

All those involved in the accident were members of the Second Detachment, 1st Battery, and the D.E.L. (Searchlight) Section.

(Further Details of the Accident Will Be Found in Page Ten)

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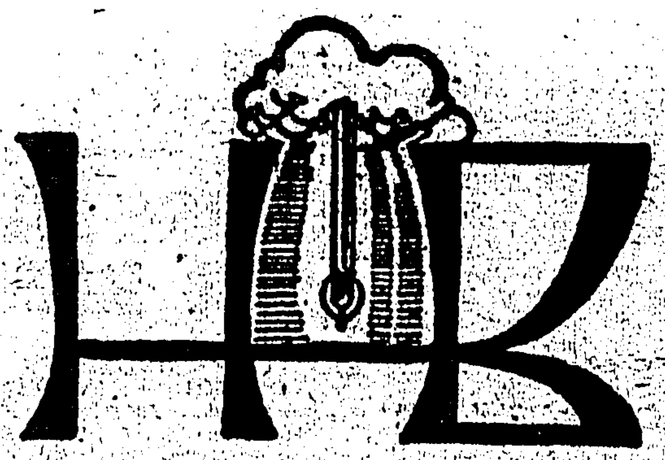

—AND *THEN* TRY!

RETURNED IN FULL MEASURE

Germany Bombed More Heavily Than Britain

Two Thousand Tons Dropped On Ruhr Districts

(By Reuter's Air Commentator)

THOUGH COLOGNE HAS BEEN RAIDED ALMOST 100 TIMES DURING THE WAR YESTERDAY'S DAYLIGHT ATTACK BY BLENHEIMS — DESCRIBED AS POSSIBLY THE STRONGEST DAYLIGHT ATTACK YET MADE ON GERMANY — WAS ONLY THE THIRD ATTACK OUT OF HOURS OF DARKNESS MADE ON COLOGNE SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES.

It is pointed out in London that an attack such as yesterday's entails a journey over more enemy and enemy-occupied territory than any other yet attempted in daylight, and the weight of bombs must have been very considerable.

More sidelights on the punishment the R.A.F. is inflicting on Germany were reflected yesterday when it was declared in an authoritative quarter that the R.A.F. has bombed Germany this summer just as heavily as Britain was bombed last winter — and this in spite of the fewer hours of darkness available.

German communiques, it was pointed out, make a regular practice of referring to "single British aircraft," and "weak forces," and these expressions are used irrespective of whether the R.A.F.'s visitation is comprised of three, 30 or 300 or more aircraft—and forces of 300 British raiding aircraft are now by no means uncommon.

2,000 Tons

In just over three weeks during June and July of this year over 2,000 tons of bombs fell on the Ruhr.

IN ADDITION TO THIS IN THE SAME PERIOD COLOGNE RECEIVED 1,000 TONS AND BREMEN 500.

Night after night, without ceasing, 200 British bombers or more visited Germany and this number is slowly but surely mounting.

The German bombers which attacked Coventry last winter carried one ton or at most one and a half tons of high explosive.

Powerful Blows

The new British bombers carry five, six or seven tons each and these bombers are coming into service in large numbers.

It is emphasised that a raid by 100 such machines would be heavier than any raid yet made on England.

Moreover, the new British bombs, besides being bigger, are more powerful than any German counterpart—a 2,000-lb. bomb is now described only as "medium."

The last month of serious raids on Britain was April—the Germans claimed it as a record, but in June the R.A.F. dropped a greater tonnage on Germany than fell on Britain in April.

Berlin is difficult to raid in the short summer nights but nearly 100 tons of bombs were dropped there recently in one night.

Cannot Take It

As an American citizen who was there said: "People in Berlin are so different from the British. Berliners cannot take it. They were all running about like rabbits and everything was disorganised.

"EVERY GERMAN ACCOUNT OF A HEAVY RAID ON BRITAIN CAUSES A GREAT WAVE OF APPREHENSION ALL OVER WESTERN GERMANY AND EVEN MORE IN BERLIN."

Of Cologne, this American said: "For four nights there was no sleep for anyone.

"Five very heavy bombs fell on the main railway station, almost wiping it out, and very great numbers were killed."

In public places and on the walls of damaged buildings the following inscription is appearing more and more frequently: "We thank our Fuehrer for this." — Reuter.

SOVIET TRIBUTE

Stressing the failure of Germany to overcome Britain by bombing, a writer in the Russian newspaper "Pravda" states: "In the course of the war unprepared England has created an enormous military machine of more than four million men.

"The remorseless bombing of London and other cities, calculated to terrorise the population, has had precisely opposite results while the world sees every reason to expect very soon ever more important and more successful blows against Germany by the British Air Force which will at the same time be capable of supporting land operations against the Reich.

"Furthermore the British Navy and merchant fleet has proved capable of ensuring a constant supply of oil and war materials to England as well as to her armies in Africa and Asia while the German navy is chased from the surface of all the oceans of the world." — British Wireless.

HUGE NEW AIR BASES

TWO HUGE AIR BASES, COSTING APPROXIMATELY $5,500,000, ARE BEING ESTABLISHED AT MAINE, NEAR THE NEW BRUNSWICK BORDER, TO SERVE AS FERRYING POINTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF BOMBERS AND OTHER WARPLANES TO BRITAIN.

The bases will be at Presque Isle and Houlton. The runways at Presque Isle will exceed a mile in length.

It is understood British aviation representatives will be included among many officers to be assigned to the bases.—Reuter.

NAZI RAIDS ON SUEZ

The savage Nazi attacks on the Suez Canal region last week when raiders deliberately sought out the civilian population caused the greatest indignation.

The Germans dive-bombed civilians indiscriminately and caused the most casualties in the non-European quarter of Suez where the houses are not strongly built

About 7,000 refugees flocked to the various parts of the Nile Delta last week to escape the bombing In the meantime, however, anti-aircraft opposition is increasing and the raiders are finding it more and more difficult to penetrate to their objectives.—Reuter.

SUEZ CANAL ZONE AGAIN RAIDED

The Suez Canal Zone was raided on Monday night by German 'planes. Eight were killed and 13 injured.

At Alexandria the casualties were four killed and eight slightly injured. — Reuter.

R.A.F. CASUALTIES

THE FOLLOWING NAMES APPEAR IN THE LATEST CASUALTY LIST ISSUED BY THE AIR MINISTRY YESTERDAY:—

Sergeant S. R. Rishworth, of Simla, killed in action while flying in operations against the enemy.

Sergeant K. E. Corrie, born in Calcutta, and

Acting Flight-Lt. H. C. Hilton, of Dagshai, posted as missing. — Reuter.

Direct Hits On Power Stations

THE R.A.F. CARRIED OUT extensive operations over Northern France and Germany in daylight yesterday, it was learned in London last night.

These operations included the bombing of a power station near Bethune and railway communications near St. Omer by Hampden bombers escorted by fighters, and an attack on objectives in Cologne by several squadrons of Blenheims.

People on the south-east coast of England watched another armada of British 'planes returning across the Channel yesterday afternoon.

The aircraft were prominently outlined against masses of white cloud towering above the cliffs of Northern France.

They had flown out at intervals for over an hour, flying at a great height.

The activity indicated big operations following R.A.F. night raids on three cities of the industrial Ruhr, in western Germany.

Daylight Raid On Cologne

It was announced in London that British bombers raided Cologne in daylight yesterday.

R.A.F. machines passed over the south-east coast of England all day without a stop to Northern France and objectives much further inland.

Bombers and fighters, flying very high, swept over in "V" and "diamond" formations. Crowds watched this endless procession and listened to the continuous heavy roar which continued into the late afternoon.

Twenty 'Planes Lost

During yesterday's daylight raids, in which fighters escorted the bombers as far as Antwerp, the R.A.F. lost 12 bombers and eight fighters.

Bombers penetrated 160 miles into Germany, scoring direct hits on power stations at Quadrat and Knatsack, which are Cologne's two power stations.

Flying Fortresses attacked aerodromes at De Kooy and objectives at Cologne and the port of Emden.—Reuter.

Six Squadrons

"Six squadrons of Blenheims penetrated into the Rhineland yesterday morning to attack the great Cologne power stations at Quadrath and Knapsack," says an Air Ministry communique.

"Fighters accompanied the bombers as far as Antwerp. Then the bombers went on alone, often flying less than 100 feet up in the 50-mile penetration of the German defence system.

BOTH POWER STATIONS WERE ATTACKED AT 11.30 A.M. AT POINT BLANK RANGE. A GREAT NUMBER OF BOMBS SCORED DIRECT HITS AND THE TARGETS WERE LEFT IN FLAMES.

Withdrawal Covered

"Fighters met the returning bombers near Antwerp, covering their withdrawal across the North Sea, whilst another strong force of fighters patrolled the Dutch coast in support.

"About the same time Hampden bombers, with a fighter escort, attacked the railways near St. Omer and the power station near Coinay in Pas de Calais.

"THREE ENEMY FIGHTERS WERE DESTROYED BY THE ESCORT. FORTRESS AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE AERODROME AT DE KOOY AND OBJECTIVES AT COLOGNE AND THE PORT OF EMDEN.

"Our losses in all these operations are 12 Blenheims and eight fighters."—Reuter.

BERLIN BOMBED BY SOVIET

In the Soviet air raid on Berlin during the night of August 11/12, says Moscow radio, high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped.

All the Russian 'planes returned to their base.

A Russian bomber reported missing on the previous night was traced and has now also returned.

Moscow Raided

German bombers on Monday night bombed military installations in Moscow and several important railway junctions, according to an official German communique yesterday.

Large fires and violent explosions were caused in railway installations.

Operations on the eastern front are continuing favourably, the communique adds.—Reuter.

Squeal And Sequel

According to the official German broadcast organisation Transocean, the German High Command in supplementing a report issued on Monday afternoon stated: "The German Luftwaffe, by destructive blows against the Soviet air force, removed the danger for the entire world of being attacked by the Bolshevistic air force."

Within a few hours of this announcement the Red Air Force bombed Berlin. — British Wireless.

CONGRESS CUTS ARMY VOTE

A reduction of some $1,234,000,000 in the new Defence Appropriation Bill of $8,063,000,000 was voted by the U.S. Senate Appropriation Committee yesterday.

Passed by the House of Representatives on July 28, 1941, the Bill carried approximately $7,100,000,000 in cash and $1,000,000,000 in contract authority.

The Committee voted unanimously in favour of eliminating the $1,347,000,000 fund for army ordnance (the Bill passed by the House provided for $4,760,203,813 or £1,190,000,000 for the Army).

This amount is for the equipment and maintenance of a land force of 1,727,000 men plus critical items for a 3,000,000-man army; $159,374,655 for the Navy; and $1,698,650,000 for the construction of 541 cargo vessels and the acquisition of 350 others.—Reuter.

OPPONENTS OF BILL DEFEATED

The U.S. House of Representatives, by 185 votes to 146, yesterday defeated an attempt to make an extension of military service on a voluntary basis, says Reuter from Washington.

FINLAND CALL-UP

All men born in 1922 in Finland and liable for military service have been asked to report to the local military authorities for examination between September 1 and 20, says a Helsinki telegram to Berlin quoted by Reuter.

German Civilian Morale Shaken By Food Shortages

AND STEADY POUNDING BY R.A.F.

THE NEW YORK COLUMNISTS, LAZREEF AND ROOT, IN THEIR COLUMN SAY THAT NAZI LABOUR LEADER LEY HAS SENT HITLER A MEMORANDUM ON THE LOW GERMAN MORALE, THE REASON BEING THE LACK OF FOOD AND INCESSANT BOMBARDMENT.

They continue: "In Thuringia and Saxony there has been no other food for two months than bread and potatoes. There is no meat and no fats and no butter.

"In the Rhineland there are no more vegetables, and the same is true of Alsace.

"Yet these are precisely the regions which in normal times supplied vegetables for many other localities.

"Rolling stock on German railroads is in an indescribable state. It was already in bad repair when the war began and the lack of lubricants aggravated the effects of normal wear.

"The same situation exists for machine-tools.

"THE MASSIVE BOMBARDMENTS WHICH THE R.A.F. HAVE BEEN SHOWERING ON THE NORTH SEA COAST, THE RHINELAND AND WESTPHALIA HAVE NOT ONLY CAUSED GREAT MATERIAL DAMAGE BUT AFFECTED THE WORKERS' MORALE SO HEAVILY THAT PRODUCTION OF METALLURGICAL FACTORIES IN WEST GERMANY HAS DROPPED 47 PER CENT.

"Production in coal mines is also decreasing steadily.

"It is undeniable that air raids are a weapon to which the Germans do not react with the toughness of the English." — Reuter.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE EXPECTED

An attempt to put the proposed extension of military service on a voluntary instead of a compulsory basis was defeated by the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday by 185 votes to 146.

The Republicans advanced the proposal which provided that conscripts could volunteer for a second year's training and the elimination of the declaration that the national interest was imperilled.

This was regarded as the opposition's main effort to defeat the Administration attempt to keep conscripts, reserves and National Guards in training beyond the 12 months period.

In the hope of passing the Extension Bill before nightfall, the House was called at 10 yesterday morning instead of at noon, which is the usual time.

A number of emotional outbursts marked the debate, such as "Brave old England, I hope she stands." — Reuter.

Tentative Agreement

The U.S. House and Senate has decided tentatively to extend the Conscripts' training for 18 months beyond the original year, says Reuter from Washington.

TWO-OCEAN NAVY

THE "NEW YORK TIMES" DISCLOSES THAT THE BUILDING OF WARSHIPS FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS BEEN SO ACCELERATED BY DOUBLE AND TRIPLE SHIFTS THAT IT IS NOW CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED THAT THE TWO-OCEAN NAVY PLAN WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY REALISED BY 1944.

By then, the United States Fleet as a whole will be the most powerful in the world.

In the past two months, it is revealed, a new United States warship was launched almost every week, and thirty-eight new keels were laid.

The new ships laid down included one aircraft-carrier, five cruisers, 25 destroyers and eight submarines. — Special Cable.

The offices of the French Consulate will be closed to the general public on Friday, 15th August, being the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

SHANGHAI BOMB BLAST

The fourth anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai went off with a bang this morning in Shanghai as a time bomb exploded at the Divisional Headquarters of the Western Area (better known as the Badlands) Special Police.

Nobody, however, was injured as the room in which the explosion occurred was empty at the time. Japanese gendarmes marched in and took complete charge of the investigations.

Foreign areas, hitherto, are quiet. The only incident was the discovery of an unexploded bomb on a side street in the vicinity of the Chinese department stores.

Shanghai resembles a beleaguered city to-day with strategic exits in the foreign areas heavily guarded and with volunteers patrolling the streets in trucks and armoured cars. — Reuter.

ANOTHER FRONTIER CLASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

A despatch from Quito (Ecuador) reports a renewed outbreak of the border fighting with a clash between Peruvian and Ecuadorian guards along the disputed Capotillo frontier. — International News Service.

Patent Absurdity Of Peace Canard

It was officially denied in London yesterday that there is any truth whatsoever in a statement emanating from America and attributed to Senator Schaffer that Lord Beaverbrook notified the authorities in the United States that Britain will negotiate peace with Germany unless the United States enters the war within 30 days.

In Washington yesterday, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, termed the latest rumour that Britain may come to peace as "a patent absurdity," according to a Dow Jones message.—Reuter.

TWO FAMOUS BRITISH "ACES" AMONG MISSING

WING-COMMANDER Douglas Robert Bader, the famous legless pilot, who despite his physical handicap won the highest R.A.F. honours, was yesterday reported missing.

Bader holds the D.S.O. and bar and the D.F.C. It is believed he personally destroyed more than 15 aircraft.

He led many sweeps over France, and during the Battle of Britain led a Canadian squadron with marked success.

Bader, who was a great sportsman and a famous stunt pilot, lost his legs following a flying crash 10 years ago.

Determined to return to the air he learned to play golf, tennis and squash with metal legs. He showed he still had old flying skill and entered civil aviation.

On the outbreak of war he saw a Medical Board and "argued" his way back into the R.A.F. He is aged 31 — ten years more than most fighter pilots.

Second "Ace" Missing

Another British ace fighter pilot was also reported missing yesterday.

He is Acting Flight-Lt. Eric Stanley Lock, aged 21, who was awarded the D.S.O. and the D.F.C. with bar by the King all at one time.

A NATIVE OF SHREWSBURY HE WAS CREDITED WITH HAVING SHOT DOWN OVER 30 GERMAN AIRCRAFT — NINE IN ONE WEEK.

He left hospital in April after being there three months with severe wounds after being himself shot down in flames. — Reuter.

CHINA AIR FORCE DAY

In celebration of Chinese Air Force Day to-morrow, the Hong Kong Model Aeroplane Association will hold a meeting at the Bank of Canton, at 2.30 p.m. during which Major-General Chen Ching-yun will speak on China's Air Force.

Ling Fu-yuan, Chinese air ace, will also speak at the meeting.

An exhibition of model planes will be inaugurated at the China Products Company at Des Voeux Road and will remain open for four days.

On August 17, a flying contest of air models also under the Association's auspices, will be held on open ground in Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

MENZIES ASKED TO GO TO LONDON

Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, has been unanimously requested by the Federal Cabinet to go to London as soon as possible.

Mr. Menzies said yesterday that certain difficulties in the way of such a course might not be insuperable.

It would be unwise to accept until the proposal had been discussed by all parties.

It was imperative that whoever went should have the full support of the Government.

The suggestion would be debated in Parliament on August 20 when a statement on the Far East position would be made.

Subject to the approval of the Labour Party Mr. Menzies will go to London as the Prime Minister of Australia.—Reuter.

NO GREAT EXODUS FROM SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The American President Lines told the "Shanghai Evening Post" that only 250 passengers from Shanghai are sailing in the "President Coolidge" for America to-morrow despite the renewed Far East tension and the State Department's reiteration of its previous evacuation warning.

Many first-class berths are still available though cheaper accommodation is sold out. — International News Service.

NO CHANGE

A five-word communique issued from British G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday reported: "No change in the situation." — Reuter.

SATAN AND HIS WORKS

Among hymns and prayers forbidden by the Nazis in Czechoslovakia, according to information reaching London yesterday, is a prayer — recited after Mass — which asks that Satan and other evil spirits haunting the world for the destruction of souls be hurled into hell.

The Nazis, who week by week grow more sensitive to opinion in occupied territories, declare they see in this prayer an allusion to Hitler and his executive.

The recent recital of Nazi crimes by the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister suggests that Satan rather than Hitler is indicated.

The Minister instances the case of an exhausted Czech priest harnessed to a cart on the road to Dachau concentration camp while a young uniformed Nazi walks beside, whip in hand.

He tells, too, of priests in Czechoslovakia hounded from parishes, of lay hospitals forbidden to monks and nuns and of confiscation by the postal authorities of the Papal Encyclical.

Incredible Savagery

Blasphemy, incredible if it were not Nazi, finds devilish expression at the fortress of Spielberg, according to reports from reliable sources.

Canons of the Cathedral of Brno, taken to Spielberg for internment, were kicked in the stomach and dragged by Storm Troopers into the chapel where many were held forcibly in an oriently squatting position.

An old man who escaped from this forced position after three hours was shot in the head. Another was compelled at revolver point to take the priestly chair and had to read a profane speech, and aged priests were forced to caper round after holding in their hands crucifixes from the walls of the altar. — British Wireless.

THAILAND BOUNDARY MEETINGS

The Thai-Indo-China Boundary Delegation meetings are due to commence on Monday under the chairmanship of Mr. Yano, head of the Japanese delegation.

The present meetings are expected to last a fortnight, followed later by meetings at different points on the frontier.

"Thailand would need and welcome assistance if attacked," stated Colonel Sarabhaya, head of the Thai delegation to the boundary mission.

He added the recent Anglo-American statement regarding Thailand's position was not addressed specifically to Thailand as an official communication.

The mention of assistance was certainly welcomed in Thailand.—Reuter.

SHOWDOWN THOUGHT IMMINENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A showdown in the Iran crisis is imminent. Yesterday the British Ambassador in Ankara, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, had a long conference with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Saraj-oglu, the Russian Ambassador and the British envoy to Iran.—International News Service.

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DEATH OF FAMOUS FORMER VICEROY

LORD WILLINGDON, KNOWN AS "THE MAN WHO CANNOT RETIRE," DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. HE HAD BEEN ILL WITH PNEUMONIA.

One of the few members of the House of Commons to have achieved the distinction of a Marquesate, a reward for his decades of service, Lord Willingdon will be chiefly remembered for his work in India, where as Viceroy he had to deal with Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign at its height.

Lord Willington refused to make any compromise until civil disobedience was called off and absolutely rejected all Gandhi's attempts to enter into negotiations.

"I CAN SEE NO POINT," HE SAID, "IN ARGUING WITH ONE WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED A DIRECT ORDER FROM GOD."

Lord Oxford, when Liberal Prime Minister as Mr. Asquith, made him Governor of Bombay in 1913. Mr. Lloyd George, head of the Coalition Government, made him Governor of Madras in 1919. Lord Baldwin as Conservative Prime Minister appointed him Governor-General of Canada in 1926, and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, at the head of the second Labour Government, entrusted him with the Vice-Royalty in 1931.

In 1938 he and Lady Willingdon went to South America on behalf of the American Institute of Britain, when they travelled widely over Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Flight To N.Z.

When he was 73, in January last, he went on a flight to New Zealand to represent the Government at the Centenary Celebrations. It was the first time a man of his age had made a flight which entailed crossing the 1,200 dangerous miles of the Tasman Sea.

In November he went to South America, as head of an important economic mission, to explain to Latin-America, British wartime policy.

These two final episodes emphasise Lord Willingdon's versatility, vigorous loyalty and great devotion to his country.

Distinguished in appearance, athletic even in his advancing years, he had played cricket both for the M.C.C. and Sussex and helped found the Cricket Club of India—this great Pro-Consul of Empire will be mourned in many parts of the world.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT SAIGON

More units of the Japanese fleet entered Saigon harbour, in south French Indo-China, on Monday, says a Tokyo announcement.

Lt.-Gen. Shojiro Iida, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in French Indo-China, yesterday conferred with Vice-Admiral Seiichi Niimi, Supreme Commander of the Japanese Fleet in Indo-China waters.

The conference took place on board a warship in Saigon harbour.—Reuter.

BELGIUM MARU SAILS

The Japanese ship "Belgium Maru" left Capetown yesterday.

The writ of attachment granted against her by the Supreme Court on July 31 had been lifted. The writ was granted on behalf of a group of merchants as security for the delivery of cargo valued at £26 millions which it was feared might not be brought to port owing to the international situation.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S NEW WEAPON

A new Russian weapon was reported yesterday by the Stockholm newspaper "Social Demokraten" dealing with operations on the Finnish front.

A correspondent states that shells filled with petrol burst, igniting forests.

The ensuing artillery barrage prevents the enemy troops from extinguishing the fires.

Many of the Finnish wounded have been suffering from terrible burns.—Reuter.

LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT

GENERAL ROMMEL, IN COMMAND OF GERMAN FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA, HAS ISSUED AN ORDER OF THE DAY HIGHLY PRAISING THE EXPLOITS OF THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI REGIMENT AND CALLING ON OTHER ITALIAN UNITS TO EMULATE ITS FINE EXAMPLE.

IT IS THOUGHT IN CAIRO THAT THE ITALIANS MUST FEEL CHAGRINED WHEN THEY READ THE ORDER BECAUSE THE 8TH BERSAGLIERI WAS PRACTICALLY ENTIRELY WIPED OUT RECENTLY BY THE BRITISH NEAR TOBRUK. —*REUTER.*

ROOSEVELT YACHT SILENT

President Roosevelt's yacht, the "Potomac," has now been silent for three days.

Last time the U.S. Navy Department reported the receipt of a message from the yacht was on Saturday morning.—Reuter.

Portugal Gets Relief

The United States Treasury yesterday unfroze Portuguese assets in the United States.

A statement says the licence was issued after Portugal "gave the appropriate assurance to this Government."

The order of June 14, freezing foreign assets, was accompanied by a Presidential statement promising Portugal and five other countries exemptions whenever they undertook not to use the exemptions to help the Axis.

Russia, Switzerland, Spain and Sweden had since received similar exemptions but not yet Finland.

The general licence exempts the Portuguese Government and its central bank and Portuguese nationals under certain conditions from the Roosevelt freezing order of June 14.

Portuguese assets in the United States are estimated at about $160,000,000.—Reuter.

GUERILLAS WRECK GERMAN TROOP TRAIN

HOW A PARTY of guerilla soldiers wrecked a German troop train by sending the locomotive full speed ahead down the track into a collision with a German train is described in a supplementary Soviet communique, issued yesterday, which reports that 16 carriages of the German train were completely destroyed.

Further reports of sabotage activities in German occupied Holland and France are also announced. "In one Dutch town the whole section of a machine-building factory was blown up, causing a stoppage of the entire plant for a week.

"In another town electric generators were put out of action, requiring repairs lasting several days.

"In a cloth factory stocks of finished cloth, intended for immediate exportation to Germany, were destroyed by fire, while a train loaded with mechanised units and artillery was derailed between the towns of Apgelgeri and Hollandberst, causing much delay."

French Sabotage

Guerilla activities are also increasing in France, according to this report.

A German train with supplies has been derailed, 14 trucks being destroyed while an ammunition dump was blown up in Mendon Wood.

In the town of Pomtoise, open anti-German demonstrations of workmen have taken place, the communique adds.—Reuter.

CONVOY ARRIVES IN PLATE

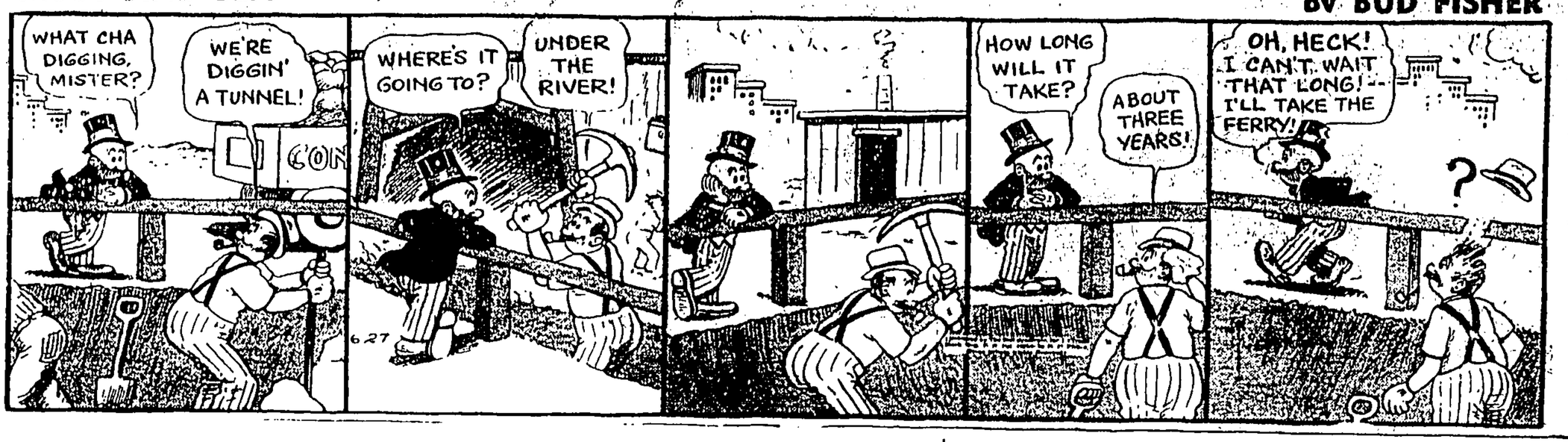
A BRITISH CONVOY OF SIX LARGE SHIPS ARRIVED SAFELY IN THE RIVER PLATE YESTERDAY.

Its safe arrival is acclaimed by the Montevideo press as proof that Britain rules the Atlantic.

The ships will return to the United Kingdom with cargoes of meat and other foodstuffs.—Reuter.

Library, Supreme Court

MUTT AND JEFF By BUD FISHER



EXTENSIVE RAIDS BY ROYAL AIR FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

YESTERDAY'S R.A.F. communique from the Middle East states "Extensive raids were carried out by aircraft of the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm on enemy positions and aerodromes in Libya during the night of August 10/11.

"A particularly heavy attack was made on Benghazi, many tons of bombs being dropped, all of which fell into the target area. These were dropped on the motor transport and repair sections, as well as on railway sidings, yards and dock installations.

"Four violent explosions and many fires were caused. Our bombers also machine-gunned an aerodrome south of Benghazi and motor transport which was dispersed near Tobruk and Bardia.

"Several large bombs were dropped on workshops and buildings and started fires in the compounds, destroying many vehicles

The harbour at Tripoli was again bombed. One hit on the power station caused a violent explosion which was seen 100 miles away.

"One of our attacking aircraft came down to a low level and attacked a searchlight post, while other aircraft of the Royal Air Force raided the landing ground at Gazala and Sovuth where fires were seen to break out. Some bombs burst close to the aircraft and a large column of smoke was observed. The target was also machine-gunned from a low level.

Ship Torpedoed

"During the same night Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm attacked a ship of 1,300 tons in Syracuse Harbour and two direct hits with torpedoes are believed to have been scored. One caused an explosion amidships. They also dropped bombs on the Gerbini, Sicily aerodrome.

"During Monday, Tomahawks of the South African Air Force shot down one of four Messerschmitt 110's which they encountered off the Egyptian coast, and R. A. F. Hurricane fighters shot down a Henchel 126.

"On August 10, aircraft of the Royal Air Force bombed a collier at Lampedusa, leaving it sinking and down by the stern. Patches of oil were to be seen near the position on the following day.

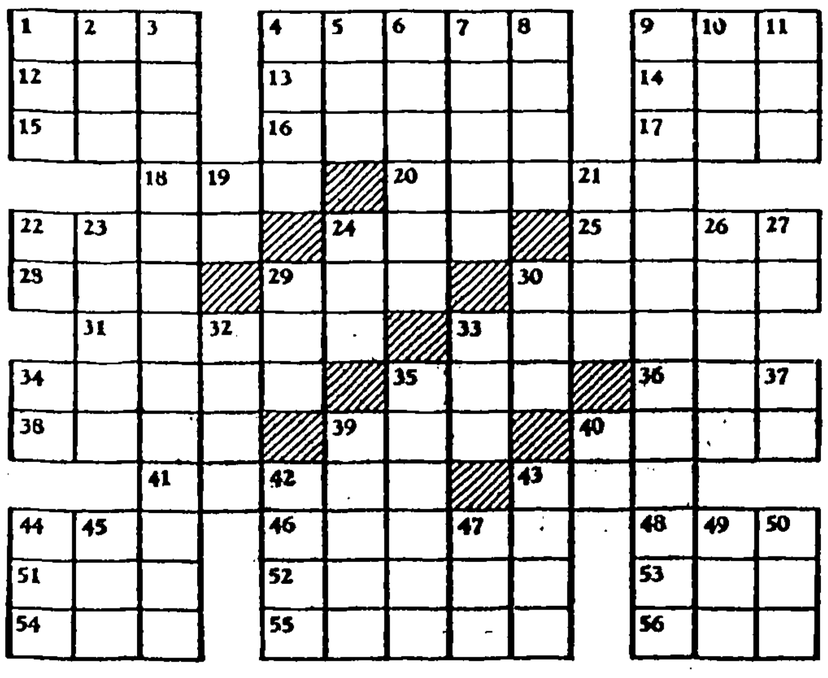
"A Sunderland shot down a Dornier over the Mediterranean and from all these operations our aircraft returned safely."—Reuter.

HIS COURAGE NOT FORGOTTEN

A bequest in the £30,654 will of Mr. Ernest Barrett, of Earl's Court, was £500 to Emily Nichols, "as a slight appreciation of the prompt and courageous conduct of her late husband, Sidney Frank Nichols, on June 13, 1917."

He also left £2,000 to his housekeeper, Norah McGahey.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 Goddess of the harvest
4 Walked with difficulty
9 Demure
12 Cost
13 To shun
14 Crude metal
15 Light brown
16 Carnivorous mammal
17 Carpet
18 To make lace
20 To rebound
22 Escaped
24 Roman bronze
25 Gaming cubes
26 To bring forth
29 Conjunction
30 Durable white fibre
31 Tale
33 Maxim
34 Apart
35 To study
36 Corded cloth
38 Head-covering
39 Vast age
40 Unusual
41 To seize by force
43 Isle
44 Fuel
45 Sum
48 Hawaiian bird
51 To trouble
52 Roman magistrate
53 Worthless leaving
54 To attempt
55 Denominations
56 Brood

VERTICAL
1 Poetic: frequently
2 Edible seed
3 Axiomatically
4 Cried
5 Hummingbird
6 Moved nimbly
7 Scandinavian literary works
8 Expensive
9 Pity
10 Anglo-Saxon money
11 Still
19 Paid notice
21 Chief Norse deity
22 Symbol for iron
23 Lariat
24 Some
26 To provide food
27 Spanish article
29 Part of "to be"
30 Japanese coin
32 Chances
33 Weight
34 Interjection
35 Hamitic language
37 Hebrew letter
39 To eat away
40 Japanese measure
42 Southwestern Indians
43 Malt beverages
44 Ship channel
45 Melody
47 Music: high
49 Twisted
50 Devoured

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AMERICAN RED CROSS WORK

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Invaluable work has been performed by the American Red Cross since the signing of the Acre Armistice Convention and the conclusion of the Syrian campaign.

Already they have distributed 800 tons of food and clothes, with 100 tons of medical supplies to wounded refugees or those rendered destitute as the result of the campaign. All the goods arrived by sea and a further 700 tons is expected shortly.—Reuter.

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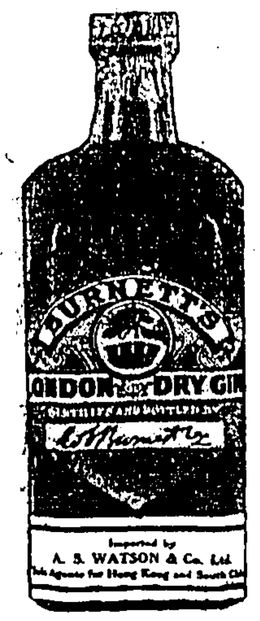

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Anglo-Soviet Joint Guarantee To Turkey

A JOINT ANGLO-SOVIET DEMARCHE TO TURKEY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY MADE, IT WAS REVEALED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The British and Soviet Ambassadors in Ankara called on the Turkish Foreign Office on August 10 and declared their countries had no aggressive intentions or claims towards the Straits and confirmed fidelity to the Montreux Convention.

The two Governments, they stated, were prepared scrupulously to observe Turkish territorial integrity. Both will be prepared to assist Turkey if attacked by a European power.

The British and Soviet declarations were in identical terms.

The text of the British declaration is: "His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom confirms their fidelity to the Montreux Convention and assure the Turkish Government they have no aggressive intentions or claims whatever regarding the Straits.

"His Majesty's Government, as also the Soviet Government, is prepared scrupulously to observe the territorial integrity of the Turkish Republic.

Every Help

"While fully appreciating the desire of the Turkish Government not to be involved in the war, His Majesty's Government, as also the Soviet, would nevertheless be prepared to render Turkey every help and assistance in the event of her being attacked by a European power."

Before presenting the written declarations each Ambassador explained orally the views of his Government.

The Soviet Ambassador stated that as late as March, 1941, that is to say during the period of the well-known treaty relations between the Soviets and Germany, the Soviet Government exchanged an assurance with the Turkish Government in connection with reports that were then being spread to the effect that if Turkey were compelled to enter the war the Soviet Union would take advantage of Turkey's difficulties to attack her.

Malicious Propaganda

It will be recalled that the Soviet Government for their part considered it necessary at the time to declare such reports in no way corresponded to the attitude of the Soviet Union and that if Turkey in fact was attacked and compelled to enter the war for defence of her territories she could count on the fullest understanding and neutrality of the Soviet on the basis of the non-aggression pact between the two countries

It is known that after the treacherous attack of the Nazis on the Soviet, the Germans conducted and still are conducting malicious propaganda against the Soviet Union intended, inter alia, to bring about discord between the Soviet Union and Turkey.

In view of the fact that this propaganda, which is being intensively conducted by the German Government has become even stronger at present, and considering the threatening international situation, it is opportune that an exchange of views should take place between the Soviet, Turkey and Britain.

No Delusion

The Soviet Ambassador then said his Government had instructed him to make a declaration (which was identical to the British).

His Majesty's Ambassador orally stated that in view of the anti-Russian propaganda by the Germans, the British Government and the Soviet Government considered it right to reaffirm categorically their attitude towards Turkey in order that the Turkish Government may be under no delusion in the formation of their own policies towards Britain and the Soviet Union.

Both declarations were most warmly received. — Reuter.

'STOOGE' NOT FINED

Termed a "stooge" by Commander J. Jolly, a 22-year-old junk foki, Lee Fat-yip, stood in the dock in the Marine Court this morning charged with an offence for which his brother was responsible.

Lee was accused of anchoring junk No. 1893H in the Tathong Channel Minefield yesterday. He pleaded guilty and said that it was meal time when the junk was sailing in the neighbourhood so the anchor was dropped.

In the course of the proceedings, the Police Sergeant disclosed that accused was not the master of the junk but a representative.

What is termed as a 'stooge,'" commented Commander Jolly.

Master A Spectator

One of the three spectators in Court came forward and admitted that he was the master of the junk and explained that he was only standing by to raise the fine to be imposed.

He admitted that he was on board the boat when the naval patrol approached. He sent his brother (accused) on board the patrol boat when the naval officer asked for the master.

Remarking that the man who should be in dock was standing by to pay the fine for the man who should not have been charged, Commander Jolly dismissed the case.

WOMAN HEAVILY FINED

A 46-year-old woman, Kwong Yuet-ping, mistress of a firewood store at No. 24, Pokfulam Road, was fined $1,000 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for selling 30 catties of firewood for a dollar, a price in excess of the maximum fixed by the Controller of Trade.

Detective Sergeant C. Pope prosecuted.

GENERAL TOJO AT IMPERIAL PALACE

General Tojo, the War Minister, saw the Emperor in Tokyo yesterday morning and had an 80-minutes interview.

Admiral Toyoda, the Foreign Minister, is expected to receive foreign correspondents soon, when he is expected to make a statement of Japan's foreign policy.—Reuter.

U.S. READY FOR DRASTIC ACTION

Senator George, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday the United States might possibly sever all commercial relations with Japan if she made any further move in the southern Pacific or if she moves against the Russians in Siberia. — Reuter.

LABOUR LEADERS RESTIVE

The two Labour representatives on the Australian War Council, Mr. Evatt and Mr. Beasley, yesterday warned the Labour Party to prepare to take over the Government of Australia.

Mr. Evatt agreed that an election must be avoided at the present time, but added that "Parliament must respond to the rising tide of public opinion against the Menzies Government." People were dissatisfied with the "bottlenecks at home in a vital department."

Referring to the proposal that Mr. Menzies should go to London, Mr. Evatt said "it is not a question whether he should go to London, but whether he should go to London as Prime Minister." If the situation was as serious as was suggested, the Prime Minister's place was in Australia, he added.—Reuter.

WATERLOO RD. THEFTS

JOSEPH HIPOLITO XAVIER, 25, WONG HO AND CHU YICK, BOTH 18, WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WITH STEALING 10 BRASS BARS, ONE BRASS HINGE AND 10 BRASS BOLTS FROM HOUSES AT NO. 90 AND 92, WATERLOO ROAD.

Accused were arrested on information by Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin in Public Square Street yesterday morning. They accompanied the police to recover the fittings from a marine store in Canton Road.

Xavier, who had two previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, Wong, who returned from banishment, was given five months, and Chu was sentenced to two months.

For obeying a call of nature in an Air Raid Shelter in Canton Road last night, Chan Kai-yuet, 24, was fined $8 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

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FRANCE BETRAYS

The news that whether openly or otherwise the Germans are likely to be given "transport facilities" in French North and West Africa is a matter of greatest gravity.

The situation is perfectly clear. Constant, discreetly exercised pressure on Admiral Darlan has made him exercise similar constant and discreet pressure on Marshal Petain.

The result is a further breach of the armistice terms between Germany and France.

In this situation plain action must be used. In the Europe created by the rise of the German Empire Britain has been France's faithful friend. The British people have felt the sincerest sorrow for the tribulations to which the French people have been subjected.

But this is a war between civilisation and the enemies of civilisation, and there can be no hesitating or temporising. Do the French people realise the end towards which their present rulers are leading them?

The French must understand that there cannot be, there will not be, any half measures.

America is now near going so far as saying that he who is not with us is against us. It might have been better if we had all said that long before now. But we have reached the point of saying that we really are against those who are against us.

TIME FOR ACTION

The time has come when we must seriously consider the question of territorial waters. Both Great Britain and the United States of America should ask themselves how the privileges hitherto attached to territorial waters are affecting their operations in the war.

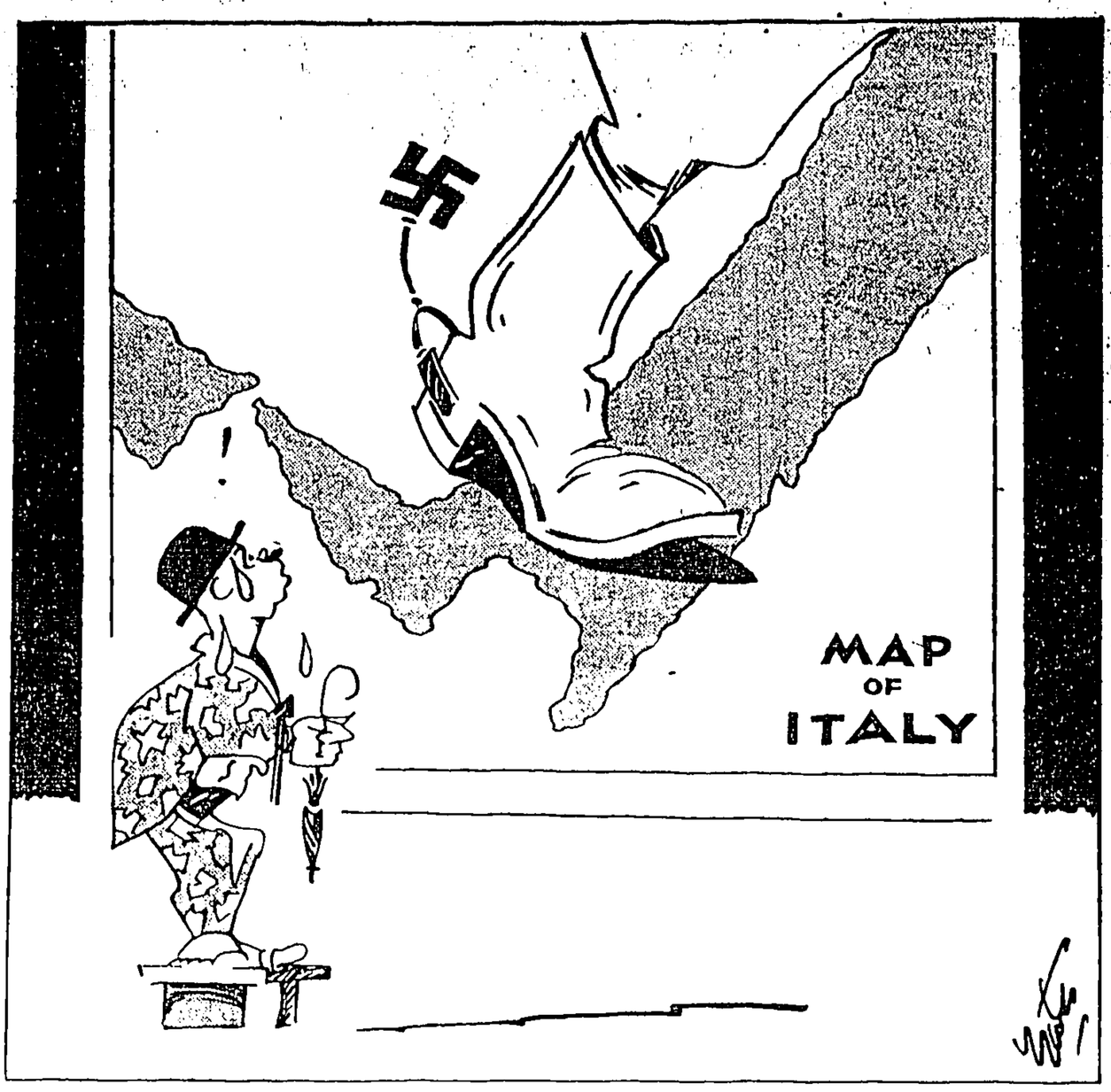
Before the breach between Germany and Norway the territorial waters of the latter country were in constant use by the former for belligerent purposes. The final result of that enemy use brought about disaster, not only for Norway but for us.

There is the strongest reason to believe that the territorial waters of the few neutral countries not under German control, also of those other countries, are being used without protest by the countries concerned.

International law today has no force. For the Nazis it simply does not exist.

The mysterious freedom with which German and Italian submarines ply their destructive tasks from bases on the West Coast of Europe, the West Coast of Africa, and from other spots is only possible because of a farcical regard for restrictions which are ignored by our enemies.

As Hamlet once said, "Want of principle is power. Truth and honesty set a limit to our efforts which impudence and hypocrisy easily overleap."



BETWEEN FRIENDS

Under Nazi Rule

One of the Macmillan War Pamphlets, published at the popular price of threepence, is written by Mr. A. P. Herbert, M.P., and it is entitled Let There Be Liberty. He concludes by giving a memorable picture of the average German under Nazi rule. Mr. Herbert states:—

"In case there is anyone who is still lukewarm about 'Our Liberties' or thinks they are not worth fighting for, let him try to imagine a day without them. He wakes, a little anxiously, and sees the daylight with relief, for in the dead of any night the political police may invade his home without warning, or without warrant.

"He finds, I suppose, a newspaper with his breakfast or at the station; but every day there is nothing in it but praise for his rulers and what they do, dictated by the same rulers. It is no use for him to say, as every indignant Englishman may do, 'I shall write to the papers about it,' for there is no paper that may print his accusations. In the train, in the office, in the street, he will not speak his mind on any public affairs without lowering his voice.

"At lunch-time, in the restaurant, the notice 'Do not discuss politics' hangs over his table—not in wartime only but in peace. If it is a Sunday, he may go to his place of worship; but he cannot be sure that the priest will not be in prison.

The German In His Home

"There are spies at the window, at the back-door; he cannot trust his servants; his children may give him away at school. If upon some charge, however false, he is arrested, there is no Magna Carta to which he can appeal, no writ of habeas corpus, no nonsense about imprisonment without trial, about the right to be heard by counsel.

"So the day passes—his body fed, maybe, his mind and muscles occupied, his income adequate—but what a life! And at the end of the day there is perhaps the saddest, most degrading scene of all. This man, this fine flower of centuries of civilisation, is permitted to know nothing of what is being said and done outside his own country.

"He is the heir of centuries of scientific discovery: he has all the manifold and magical channels of modern communications at his disposal. Yet he is as remote, as ignorant of the world, as the savage in the jungle, for every channel is closed to him by his own paternal Government. . . . .

"Yet at night, starving for knowledge, he determines to risk death for it. He turns on his wireless and allows to blare through a loud-speaker some crude patriotic speech or music. Then, clapping ear-phones to his ears and cowering in a cupboard or under the bed-clothes, he listens, guilty and terrified, to the news of the world. And so to bed.

"Such is the condition of darkness to which Herr Hitler has brought his people: such is the fate of all who fall under his 'protection.' We are last—or last but one—upon his list. But I am not going to press that point. It has become almost irrelevant. The time has gone by when any given country could say properly, 'Am I concerned in, or endangered by this affair? If not, I will keep out of it.' All countries, that are, or were, part of the healthy civilised order of things are concerned in this; because the whole of that order is threatened by the German pestilence.

There Should Be No Neutral

"It is no longer nation against nation—it is black against white—the devil against God—or what you will. Who, if I am right, can be lukewarm in such a struggle? There never should have been a neutral in this war and sooner or later, there will be none.

"But we cannot expect the unhappy, ill-defended neutrals to come in with us so long as there is a single sign of flabbiness or doubt among us. Let us expel them both. Those of us who can find no fun in war can surely at least find fire for this one. We do not fight for dividends or domination, we fight against the powers of darkness. We are in the van of those who say, 'Let there be liberty. Let there be light.'

"We are entitled to use once more the words of John Milton: 'Me-thinks I see in my mind a noble and puissant nation, rousing herself like a strong man after sleep, and shaking her invincible locks.'"

An Author's Creed

"War With Honour" is the title chosen by Mr. A. A. Milne the eminent novelist and writer. His summing up is typical of his pamphlet's message:—

"I believe that twice one is two, and I also believe these things," asserts Mr. Milne:—

"I believe that Nazi rule is the foulest abomination with which mankind has ever been faced.

"I believe that, if it is unresisted it will spread over, and corrupt, the whole world.

"I believe that no decent man, no humane man, no honest man, no man of courage, intelligence or imagination: no man who ever had a kindly thought for his neighbour or compassion for the innocent: no lover of truth, no lover of freedom could wish to have a place in that world.

"I believe, therefore, that it is as much the duty of mankind to reject such a world as it is the duty of any community to reject gangster rule.

"I see no way of doing this save by the use of force.

"I am not frightened by words. If this use of force be called International War, then for the first time in my life I approve of International War; if it be called Civil War, then, not for the first time, I approve of Civil War. If it be called Resistance to Evil, then, as (I hope) always, I am for resistance to evil.

"Only when we have resisted it and overcome it can Civilisation resume its march.

"Perhaps I can best come to an end by quoting from some lines which I addressed to America at the beginning of May:—

"Yes, 'War is Hell.'
And Peace is Hell, if it's Peace with the Devil in power.
Yet, if this is not your quarrel, and not your hour,
If you have chosen Peace, you have chosen well.
But—scatter your armies, burn your ships,
Tear the breech-block out of the gun; . . . .
Never again can you fight who fight not now,
No rallying-call can ever rise to your lips.
There lives no faith to which you can make your vow,
There is no Cause to fight for, only the one,
Only one gage of battle, only one battle-song;
Right against Wrong.'"

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MARSHAL PETAIN BROADCASTS BUT FAILS TO CLEAR AIR

MARSHAL PETAIN, BROADCASTING TO THE FRENCH NATION LAST NIGHT, SAID: "FRENCH, I HAVE GRAVE THINGS TO TELL YOU. IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FALSE RUMOURS AND INTRIGUES A VERITABLE UNEASINESS IS GRIPPING THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE.

"My name is invoked too often, even against the Government, to justify the alleged beneficial underratings which are in fact appeals to indiscipline.

"It is easy to understand the reasons for this uneasiness. When the war continues on the frontiers of a nation which defeat has put hors de combat but whose Empire remains vulnerable, everyone asks himself with anguish 'What is the future of my country?'

"Insidious propaganda is adding to the confusion of spirit and a sense of national interest ends by losing its rightness and its vigour.

Relations With Nazis

"Our relations with Germany are by an armistice convention whose character could only be provisional. Prolongation of this situation renders it more difficult to support since it governs relations between two great nations.

"As to the collaboration offered in October, 1940, by the Chancellor of the German Reich under conditions the great courtesy of which I appreciate, it is a work of slow development and could not yet bear all its fruits.

Larger Horizon

"We must know how to orientate ourselves towards the larger horizon which reconciled and continued can open up to our activities.

"That is the end to which we are guiding our efforts. But it is a huge task calling for our will and our patience.

"With regard to Italy our relations are also regulated by the armistice convention. Here again our wish is to escape from provisional relations and establish more stable bonds without which European order cannot be built up again.

"I would like to recall to the great American Republic the reasons why she need not fear a decline of French ideals.

Instinct Of Freedom

"Our parliamentary democracy, which is dead, had few traits in common with the democracy of the United States but the instinct of freedom still lives in us, proud and strong.

"Our difficulties and mistakes arise above all from troubled minds, lack of men and scarcity of products. The disturbance of our spirit does not only arise from the vicissitudes of our foreign policy but above all from our slowness in reconstructing the new order.

"The national revolution has not yet become a fact. This is because between the people and myself rose a double barrier raised by upholders of the new regime and servants of trust.

Despicable Tutelage

"In the light of experience I shall rectify the work and shall take up again against egoistic and blind capitalism the struggle that the kings of France waged and won against feudalism.

"I wish that our country shall be freed from the most despicable tutelage, that of money."

Marshal Petain then declared that he would deal rigorously against irresponsible professional organisations led by "mercenary considerations."

It was scandalous, he said, that fortunes should be built up on the general wretchedness and was all the more revolting since the French people during the past year had accomplished an immense task despite privations of all kinds in most difficult conditions.

It was thanks to this effort that the life of the country had been maintained following the defeat.

Twelve Points

Finally Marshal Petain summed up in 12 points an immediate programme of political action drawn up by his Government:—

"The problem of government goes beyond the framework of a simple ministerial reshuffle. It requires above all the rigid upholding of certain principles.

"Authority no longer comes from below. It is properly that which I confide and delegate.

"I delegate it in the first place to Admiral Darlan towards whom opinion has not shown itself either always favourable or always fair but who has never failed to help me with his loyalty and courage.

"I have entrusted him with the Ministry of National Defence so that he can exert over the whole of our land, sea and air forces more direct control.

Clear Line

"To the Government which surrounds him I shall leave the necessary initiative. I mean, however, to lay down for it in certain spheres a very clear line, and this is what I have decided:

"The activities of all parties and political groups are suspended in non-occupied France.

"The salaries of members of parliament are abolished.

"Sanctions will be taken against civil servants who are Freemasons and holders of high Masonic rank will be excluded from public functions.

"The Legion remains the best instrument of national resurrection in non-occupied France but is still under Government control."

Labour Charter

"The powers at the disposal of the police will be doubled. Commissioners will be entrusted with discovering and destroying the administrative organisation and activities of secret societies.

"A labour charter will be promulgated shortly.

"The provisional statute for economic organisation will be remodelled.

"The organisation for food supply will be altered.

"A council of political justice will be set up in order to speed up the trial of those responsible for the disaster. Its proposals are to be submitted to the Marshal before October 15.

"All Ministers and high officials must take the oath to Marshal Petain."

In one passage Marshal Petain remarked: "The London radio and certain French journals have exercised a bad influence on the people's minds."

In another he said: "France cannot really be governed except from Paris. I cannot go back there now and I shall not go there until certain possibilities are offered me."—Reuter.

BARON SCHRODER'S CODICIL

In a codicil to the Will in which he left £502,000, Baron R. B. Schroder, the merchant banker, stated: "I hereby revoke any legacy to a person of German nationality."

Baron Schroder, Chairman of the Continental and Industrial Trust, died last December aged 73. —British Wireless.

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S POWERS

Admiral Darlan, Vichy Vice-Premier and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Minister of National Defence, it was announced in Vichy yesterday.

Henry Moysset, Secretary of State at the Prime Minister's office, and Lucien Romier have been appointed Ministers of State.

Paul Merion, Secretary-General at the Prime Minister's office, has been appointed Secretary-General of News and Propaganda.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, manifested unusual interest in the increased powers conferred on Admiral Darlan but withheld comment pending further information.

Mr. Hull said it was certainly a matter which the U.S. wished to verify and see exactly what the significance would be before commenting on its effect on Franco-American relations. —Reuter.

***It is believed that the effect of the new appointment is to give Admiral Darlan complete control over all naval and military affairs, and makes every commander subject to his orders.

GOEBBELS TELLS

Germany's air raid precautions to-day are no longer a matter to joke about, but one of "bloody seriousness" as protection against the attacks of the enemy.

Goebbels gave this warning recently at a reception in Berlin to A.R.P. delegates from all over the country. It was broadcast by all German stations.

Goebbels protested against U.S. opinion that the English are of harder stuff than the Germans. "We sacrificed," he said, "two million dead and several hundred thousand children who starved to death during the war."

But he admitted: "It still remains to be seen what sacrifice the German people will be able to bear under its leadership of to-day.

"We have all reason to be proud of the attitude of the German people. Many of you have been decorated and many bear the scars received in air raids.

"Suffered Heavily"

"Some of our districts have so far been spared or suffered only slightly, but others again have suffered heavily.

"It may to-day be more comfortable to live in one of the districts which were not touched, but after the war it will be an honour to have lived in a district which was in the middle of the attack.

"We used to differentiate between the front and the home land. To-day the boundaries between these two zones are often non-existent.

"How will it be possible to speak of Kiel, Bremen and Hamburg? They are in the very midst of the front.

"During the heavy air attacks you are always risking your life, your property and your family like the soldiers."

Dyaks To Defend Borneo

Former head-hunting Dyaks and other Malays are being recruited for the defence of Borneo.

They are being banded into an internal security military force and are to be known as the "Sarawak Rangers."

Besides defending the territories of the White Rajah, Sir Charles Brooke, they will operate in Brunei and Labuan and as such should form a useful addition to the military forces already stationed in these territories.

The new force, active recruiting for which has already begun, will be under the command of Major G. S. J. Pelger, formerly of the Sarawk Civil Service. —Reuter.

THEFT CHARGE

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, Leung Kam, 20, and Cheung Yin-choi, 24, were charged with stealing $227 and clothing from No. 220, Temple Street on Saturday.

Lee Ping, 46, married woman, was charged with aiding and abetting, and with receiving $27.

Accused pleaded not guilty and were remanded for 48 hours for further investigation.

WOODLANDS PATH ROBBERY

Following a servant into the house, three men, armed with two revolvers and a dagger, robbed the inmates of No. 5, Woodlands Path (between Bonham and Robinson Roads) of $1,280 in money and valuables, at 7.15 a.m. to-day. The servant, a 27-year-old youth, could not be found after the robbery.

NO MORE INSTALMENT PURCHASES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK IN WASHINGTON IS DRAFTING STRINGENT REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S INITIAL CRACK-DOWN ON INSTALMENT BUYING IN AN EFFORT TO BLOCK PRESENT INFLATIONARY TRENDS AND CURTAIL THE MANUFACTURE OF CONSUMER GOODS TYING UP PRODUCTION OF DEFENCE MATERIALS.

The regulations will possibly prohibit instalments estimated at $10 billions yearly and will affect every form.

Dress manufacturers have been warned ceiling prices imposed on rayon goods will be announced "in the near future."—International News Service.

RUSSIAN WAR FRONT SITUATION ANALYSED

Nazis Now Fighting Mainly Holding Actions

Attack Diverted Towards Odessa

FOR PURPOSES OF CONVENIENCE, WRITES THE MILITARY COMMENTATOR "ANNALIST," THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT CAN BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR MAIN SECTORS: — THE THRUST AGAINST LENINGRAD, THE THRUST AGAINST MOSCOW, THE THRUST AGAINST KIEV AND THE THRUST AGAINST ODESSA.

Supplementary engagements are proceeding in the extreme north at Murmansk and in Estonia. Neither of these operations is being pressed with vigour or has achieved much success as they are regarded by the Germans as minor issues.

The thrust against Leningrad can be sub-divided into four sectors, east and west of Lake Ladoga and north and south of Lake Peipus.

There has been continucus heavy fighting on all these fronts but the wooded and marshy nature of the territory has favoured the defence and the Russians have yielded very little ground.

The chief German offensive was directed against Moscow Here both sides have, for the moment, fought themselves to a standstill, with Smolensk as the peak of the German wedge.

New Thrust

While continuing their pressure in this neighbourhood, in order to pin the Russians to their positions, the Germans seem to have altered the direction of the main thrust, so that it is now directed towards Odessa and the Black Sea.

The attempt to outflank Kiev by a giant pincer movement has been held up for several days at Korosten and Byelaya-Tserkov and here too there has been no relaxation of the German pressure or dimunition of the Soviet resistance.

Still seeking a weak spot in the Soviet wall of defence, the German spearhead is now turned towards Odessa, striking down from Uman.

Rear Threatened

This movement threatens the rear of the Russians holding the west bank of the Dniester, and if a gap can be created the Russians would run the risk of being outflanked both at Kiev and Odessa.

There is no confirmation that the German advance has penetrated as far as Pount, 70 miles to the north-east of Nikolaiev.

IF THEY HAVE, THEY ARE BELIEVED TO CONSIST ONLY OF A COLUMN OF TANKS WHICH, WHILE HAVING A NUISANCE VALUE, CANNOT EXPLOIT THEIR POSITION UNLESS ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY.

This does not seem to be the case yet.

The situation shows very little change from Monday as is also apparent from the non-committal German communique.—Reuter.

JAPAN AND THE SOVIET

"Japan and the Soviet Union are conducting their affairs in an atmosphere of quiet trust and accommodation," wrote yesterday's "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The paper referred to the "repeated denials" of M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, which "should convince the world that Soviet-Japanese relations are not complicated by any ultimatum demands."

Such unfounded rumours reflect the nervous state of public opinion, says the paper, which adds that the two nations are just now occupied with their several problems on other fronts, and for them even vaguely to consider such possibilities as have been mentioned by "unhealthy and subversive publicity, can only add to the difficulties confronting the world."—Reuter.

STEEL HELMETS FOR ONE IN THREE

One person in three in Britain now has a steel helmet following the addition of 2,700,000 of a new type to 14 million already distributed to the fighting forces, police, civil defence, fire watchers and industrial workers.—British Wireless.

SHOCKING BRITISH AIR DISASTER

Twenty-two are believed to have been killed when a trans-oceanic aircraft crashed on a hillside in England yesterday.

The 'plane is believed to have left a British airport.

The Air Ministry issued the following announcement last night:—

"The Air Ministry much regrets to announce that on Sunday last a trans-oceanic aircraft flew into a hillside shortly after taking off from this country and that the 22 passengers and crew lost their lives."—Reuter.

STRIKE PROBLEM IN AMERICA

THOUGH IT IS less acute than in the Spring, the strike situation in America continues to hamper war production, one instance being 'plane production, which for July was expected to show a slight drop from the June figures instead of the considerable increase confidently foreseen when the aviation industry got into high gear earlier in the year.

During the last acute strike crisis, Congress considered the possibilities of strike legislation and this, plus the military occupation of the California aircraft factory and the German attack on Russia, caused the strike tide to recede.

But recently, Congress had been engaged on other controversial matters and now another wave of strikes threatens, the chief one at present affecting ship-building and propellor production.

Strikes generally are being called for two reasons, firstly, it is suggested, because the necessity for war material production gives unrivalled opportunity to force wage concessions from employers, and secondly, the same conditions present the opportunity to force the closed shop principle on employers who have successfully resisted it for years.

Closed shop means that none but Union members can be employed and this is the point at issue in the present Kearney Shipyard strike.

Strike Breaking Effort

Rather than grant the Union demand, the Company is trying to break the strike by asking the Navy Department to step in and take over the running of the yard.

In Great Britain the attitude of the Unions in this respect is fully appreciated, and the introduction of non-skilled, and non-Union labour, dilution, as it is called, is practised only by agreement with the Unions, and strikes on this ground are comparatively rare.

In the case of the Kearney Yards, the Company say that this would make them responsible not only for the initial Union membership of all employees, but also for their continued membership, responsibilities they are not prepared to undertake.

Not Clear

However, since the Company already recognises the Union as the body with which it negotiates wage rates and other matters, the stand taken by the Administration is not clear except insofar as it does not want strikes.

During his long administration, President Roosevelt has consistently favoured labour in securing concessions from employers, and there was no sign that he had changed his views until his recent instruction for military seizure of the California aircraft factory.

The present acuteness of the strike situation has developed only since his departure from the capital and for that reason no statement of policy has been available, but present indications are that the Navy is likely to take over the Yards very soon, and if this is done it can probably be interpreted as a blow against the Union demand.

Army Attitude

It seems certain that no anti-strike or strike-controlling legislation can be obtained from Congress until America enters the war, and meanwhile strikes continue.

It is reported that newly drafted army men feel that if the Government can draft men willy-nilly for armed service, it should not be so lenient with workers whose business it is to supply that army with the arms and ammunition it needs.—Reuter.

Charged with cruelty by carrying two pigs in a small crate without matting yesterday, Tam Yin, 58, and Chan Chi, 62, coolies were each fined $3 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

ADMIRAL DARLAN'S NEW POST: THE EXPLANATION

A SEMI-OFFICIAL Vichy statement, explaining Admiral Darlan's new post as Minister of National Defence, says: "While keeping his offices as Vice-Premier and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, as well as Secretary of State for the Navy, Admiral Darlan now takes over all military powers.

"The Secretaries of State for War, Navy and the Air are all under him.

"General Huntziger remains Secretary of State for War, General Gergeret as Secretary of State for Air, and Admiral Platon Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"The Minister for National Defence is responsible for the general organisation of national defence, for the distribution and use of armed forces and for the general inspection of the armed forces."

New Cabinet

The Vichy Cabinet, with Marshal Petain as the head, is now composed as follows:—

Vice Premier, Minister for National Defence, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Secretary of State for the Navy, Admiral Darlan;
War, General Huntziger;
Justice, M. Barthelemy;
Interior, Pucheux;
National Economy and Finance, Bouthillier;
Agriculture, Cazot;
Supplies, Chanbin;
Co-ordination of the new Institutions, Moysset;
Minister of State and Permanent Delegate of the Chief of State to the National Council, Romier.—Reuter.

CANADIAN NAVY CHIEF IN LONDON

Mr. Angus Macdonald, Canadian Minister of Naval Defence, Rear-Admiral P. W. Nelles, Chief of the Canadian Naval Staff, and Captain Houghton, R.C.N., who arrived in London recently to confer with British officials on matters connected with the Dominion Navy visited the Admiralty.

They will shortly leave London to inspect Canadian naval personnel serving in the U.K. and will also make a tour of inspection of British shipbuilding yards.—British Wireless.

AUSTRALIAN WAR CABINET

A meeting of the Australian War Cabinet is being held in Melbourne to-day and a meeting of the War Council to-morrow.

The Cabinet has already sat for 15 hours in two days.

If Parliament approves the Cabinet's suggestion that Mr. Menzies should go to London, when it meets on August 20, Mr. Fadden is likely again to become acting Premier with full administrative powers.—Reuter.

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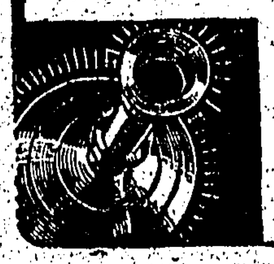

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

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BRIDGE NOTES

THE INITIAL ERROR

By The Four Aces

"Please tell us where we went wrong," writes Mrs. G. M. H., of St. Elmo, Ill. "As you can see, it was a grand slam in spades, yet we played it only for game.

West, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 9 5 3 2
♡ 9 7
◇ —
♣ A K Q 9 4 3

WEST
♠ J 10
♡ K Q J 4 2
◇ A K 8 4
♣ 6 2

EAST
♠ 8 7
♡ 10 8 3
◇ J 9 6 5 2
♣ J 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K Q 6 4
♡ A 6 5
◇ Q 10 7 3
♣ 10 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♡	2♣	Pass	2♠
3♡	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"Even if North had jumped to four spades, South would not have bid the grand slam. How should the bidding have gone?"

We think that North underbid all the way through. Surely when South voluntarily bids two spades, North should make sure of getting to game by raising to four spades! But even that would not lead to a slam contract. And for that, the initial error is responsible.

When North mildly bids two clubs over West's opening bid, South has no way of knowing that the North hand is tremendously powerful. North's failure to make a very strong bid at his first chance brands his hand as only moderately strong no matter what he does later on. North must get off on the right foot by doubling one heart.

After a double by North, South would take out with one spade (almost with two spades). North would then jump to four spades, being willing to play for game if South has nothing but four small spades and no high-card strength. Since South has so much more than four small spades, she would then make some slam try—such as five hearts. And once South shows ability to take care of hearts, North would go all the way to six spades. Reaching seven is pretty difficult and depends as much on an optimistic temperament as on skill.

* * *

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3
♡ A Q 7 3 2
◇ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	2◇
Pass	2♡	Pass	3◇
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. Although your partner was not strong enough to go to no-trump, raise hearts, jump rebid diamonds, or bid another suit, he must still have a good hand for his vulnerable overcall. Your hand is good enough for a second try for game.

Score 100% for four diamonds, 40% for five diamonds, 30% for three hearts, 20% for pass.

Question No. 793

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♣ Q J 5
♡ K J 7 3 2
◇ A Q 5
♣ 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
1♣	Dbl.	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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VOLUNTEER N.C.O. DIES OF INJURIES: 11 IN HOSPITAL

DENNIS EDWARD SMITH, 22, Bombardier in 1st Battery, Corps Artillery, H.K.V.D.C., died at 7.10 this morning as the result of injuries received when an Army lorry plunged some 30 feet down the hillside from Cape d'Aguilar Road last night.

Eleven other members of 1st Battery are still in hospital with injuries. Most serious of these is L/Bdr. Buckingham, whose condition was stated this morning to be "still serious."

The condition of the others was stated at Queen Mary Hospital this morning to be fair.

Among those injured was L/Bdr. Roscoe, of the Royal Artillery, who was driving the vehicle. He is now in the Bowen Road Military Hospital.

The accident occurred half way from the Shek-O Road junction and the Cape D'Aguilar Wireless Station while the men were on their way home from exercises.

ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS, GUNNER LAWSON, HAD A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE FROM DEATH. HE WAS THROWN SOME 10 FEET INTO THE AIR WHEN THE LORRY CRASHED DOWN THE EMBANKMENT, BUT LANDED ON THE HILLSIDE WITHOUT AS MUCH AS A BRUISE OR SCRATCH.

With the exception of L/Bdr. Roscoe those involved in the accident were all members of the D.E.L. Section and First Detachment of the 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C.

Cable Drum The Cause

The accident occurred at about 9.40 p.m. and is believed to have been due to heavy cable drum, lashed on the lorry, becoming untied and robbing the driver of control of the vehicle.

The lorry swayed violently on the narrow road and then left the highway plunging some 30 feet down the hill. It was badly smashed up against a tree.

Those discharged from hospital after treatment last night were:
J. R. Carr,
C. Zaitzeff,
V. I. Treskin, and
J. B. Pomeroy.

On Danger List

Brown and Buckingham suffered serious injuries and are still not out of danger. Buckingham this morning was stated to be "in a serious condition."

Smith sustained fractured ribs and severe internal injuries; Brown, a compound fracture of the leg and concussion, and Buckingham, head injuries, facial lacerations and concussion.

L. Bdr. Roscoe, R.A., the driver of the lorry, is still in the Bowen Road Military Hospital being treated for a broken ankle. His condition was this morning described as "comfortable."

Those who were involved in the accident were:
Dennis Edward Smith,
Harry William Buckingham,
John Gerard Heath Lander,
Douglas Harvey Collier Taylor,
W. N. Brown,
W. P. Clemow,
N. F. Tucker,
F. T. Henningsen,
A. Floisand,
C. Zaitzeff,
V. I. Treakin,
J. B. Pomeroy,
B. Lipkowsky,
W. G. Lawson,
J. R. Carr, and
L. Bdr. Roscoe, R.A.

The funeral of the late Bombardier Smith will take place this afternoon.

Members of 1st Battery will fall in at 4.45 at the Monument. Dress will be S.D. cap, tunic, slacks, boots and web belt.

The late Mr. D. E. Smith was a Probationer Member of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff of Government. He served for some time as Storekeeper, Police Department, and was at the end of last year transferred to the Audit Department.

Earlier Mishap

Last night's accident was the second in recent weeks involving members of the First Battery. It may be recalled that in the previous accident, P.S.I. Woods, R.A., was seriously injured near Shatin while returning from Lowu with the First Battery when the motor-cycle which he was driving left the road and plunged into the sea.

BURMA DEFENCE CONTROL

An important step forward in the constitution of Burma, and in the sphere of defence has been taken with the reconstitution of the Burman Defence Council, with the Burmese Prime Minister, U. Saw, as the vice-chairman.

The announcement was made in a communique from Government House in Rangoon yesterday.

The Governor of Burma continues as chairman, and the Council will hold frequent meetings and will be fully informed of developments in the war situation.

The Governor makes himself acquainted with its views on all broad questions of policy relating to defence and foreign affairs as far as they affect Burma.

The Council was first established at the end of September 1939 "to simplify and expedite consideration and decision of problems connected with war other than those falling within the sphere of the military command."

The Burmese members have a numerical majority in the Council.—Reuter.

WARRANT ISSUED

A WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF W. THOM, OF THOM'S GROCETERIA, NO. 27, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WAS ISSUED BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WHEN HE FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT ON A SUMMONS FOR SELLING GOODS AT PRICES EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

It was alleged that accused sold a pound of Purico for 35 cents, a large tin of Del Monte salmon for $1.10 and a small tin of Heinz pork and beans for 40 cents.

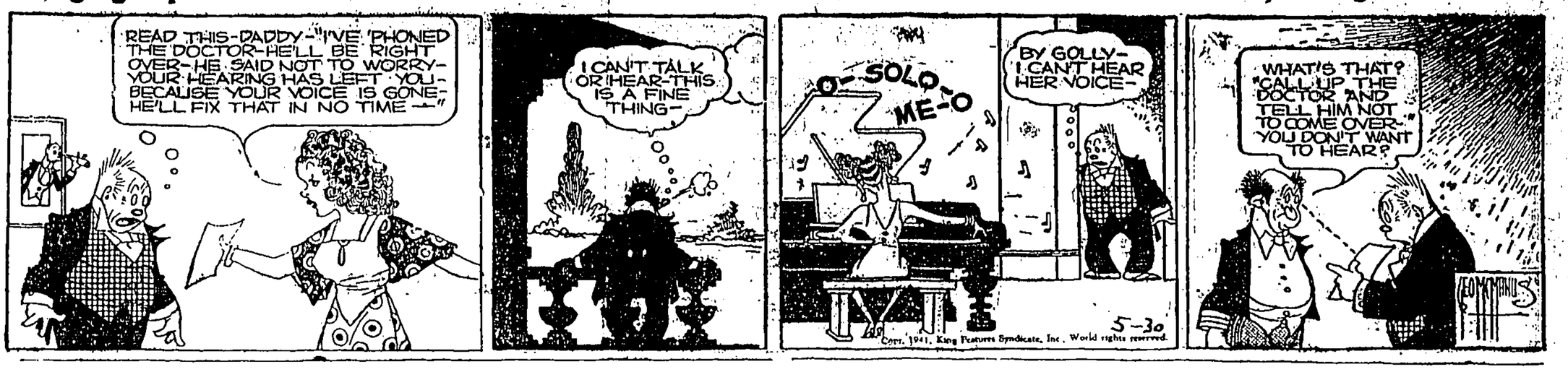
Accused's elder brother, the manager of the shop, appeared before Mr. Sheldon this morning by mistake.

Mr. H. N. Bishop, of the Food Controller's office, in evidence, said he went with the Police officer who served the summons on the accused.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, was for the prosecution.

Hearing of the case was fixed for Saturday at 11 a.m. Bail of $100 was authorised.

Bringing Up Father — **By George MacManus**



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Preserve Femininity

There is no reason for lady athletes to look athletic, in the opinion of lovely Novotna, soprano star of the Metropolitan, who is herself a sports enthusiast.

Bulging muscles, an angular figure, sun scorched hair and prune-textured skin are not lovely for a woman to possess and Novotna, (whose athletic achievements rival her singing talent) urges young girls to avoid them. She knows a girl can have her sports and hold her beauty too!

"Before I go out for any sport," says this crack rifle shot, tournament tennis player, golfer in the low 70s and skilled horsewoman, "I cover my skin with a protective oil of the anti-sunburn variety, and put pomade on my lips. When I come in, I again apply soothing oils and creams to my skin especially about my eyes. My hair is always protected from the sun by a hat or bandana and twice a month I take hot olive oil shampoos to counteract dryness. Brushing and scalp massage are part of my daily routine."

To Prevent Unlovely Muscle

"You may think it strange to exercise at home to 'undo' the exercise of sports, but I do."

Novotna is tall and slim with pleasing curves, and her skin is gardenia-like in texture and colouring. No one would ever dream that she is also an expert ski-er who makes Christies, jumps and telemarks seem like child's play! She believes in what she calls the "percussion exercises" by which one bumps and thwacks away fatty and hardened tissue which strenuous sports might develop. Here are several which youthful athletes might practice to advantage:

The Calf Slap: Sit on the floor, legs straight, hands on the floor behind you. Bend the right knee up as high as it will go, keeping heel on the floor and toes pointing to ceiling. Slide it vigorously forward until it is again in straight position slapping the calf of the leg on the floor as hard as you can. As the right leg goes down the left knee is brought up—a movement which imitates a child pedalling a toy automobile. Remember to bang down your calf each time. Repeat 50 to 100 times, rapidly.

The Hip Throw: Stretch out on the floor with arms extended at sides, shoulder high, chin in, knees bent, feet on floor. Raise your hips from the floor and throw both bent knees down right as hard as you can making a resounding thump. Raise hips again and throw knees down left, hard. Repeat rapidly 75 times to bang off hip and thigh bulges. (Overweights, please copy!)

The Arm Thump: Lie on floor, legs straight, arms at side, chin in. Bend arms and touch shoulders with fingertips. Bring elbows together in front and then thump upper arms down on floor smartly. Repeat this fifty times at least. This reduces bulges magically.

Lovely singing bird, Novotna, is also an accomplished sports woman, but not at the price of her beauty! She is decidedly feminine in her appearance.

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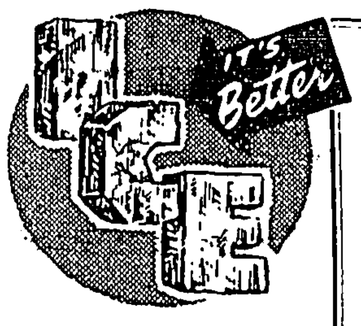

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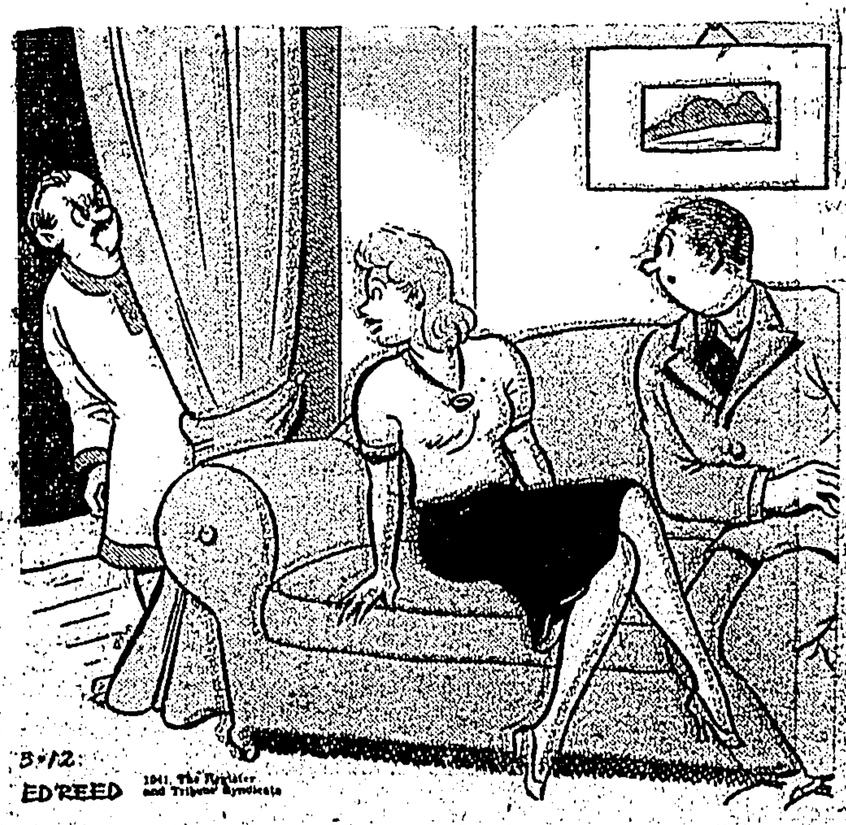

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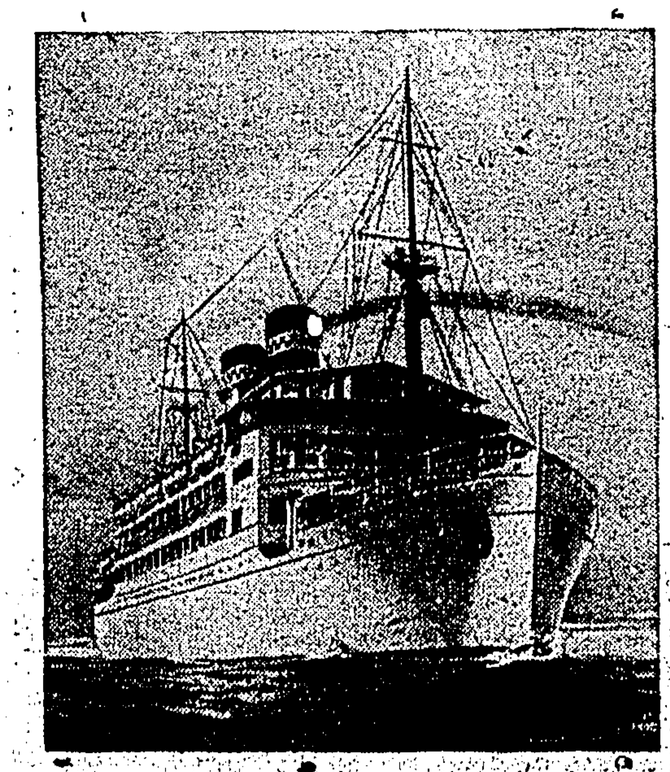

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The paper adds that in one week ships totalling more than 1,100,000 tons were returned to service after repairs had been carried out.

Ship-builders are rushing out merchantmen of all types from barges to big freighters, the paper says.

The Naval Correspondent of the "Daily Herald" says: "That news brings a touch of brightness to the sea picture, which disturbs all except the stupidly complacent. Ships lying damaged or idle in port are just as much out of the war as sunken ships. Britain's ship repairers know this. It is the thought behind the work of rushing damaged ships back into service."

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m. — The Boston Symphony Orchestra with Paul Robeson (Bass).
"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1 (Liszt).... Serge Koussevitzky & Boston Symphony Orchestra.
The Black Emperor; Lonely Road (both from "Song of Freedom"—Eric Ansell)....Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
The Enchanted Lake (Liadow).... Serge Koussevitzky & Boston Symphony Orchestra.
Canoe Song (from film "Sanders of the River" — Wimperis) .... Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
7.17 p.m.—'Cello Solos by Emanuel Feuermann.
Tango (Albeniz—Op. 165 No. 2, arr. Kreisler); Orientale (Kaleidoscope—Op. 50 No. 9); Gavotta and Allegro (from "Sonata"—Valentini, arr. Piatti); Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still (Wrighton).
7.30 p.m.—Half an Hour with Mozart.
Ten Variations in G Major .... Lili Kraus (Piano solo); Don Giovanni —Il Mio Tesoro Intanto (To My Beloved, Hasten!); Turkish March ....Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra; L'Epreuve D'Amour....The London Philharmonic Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
A Country Girl—Vocal Gems (Ross and Monckton)....Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
The Land Of Smiles — Selection (Lehar)....London Theatre Orch.
The Quaker Girl—Vocal Gems (Monckton)....The Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Afraid To Say Hello (Taylor & Arlen); My Sister And I (Kramer, Whitney, Zaret)....Bea Wain with Orchestra.
Piano—Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: I'm Stepping Out With A Memory Tonight; All The Things You Are (Hammerstein—Kern); Until You Fall In Love (Popplewell—Carr). Waltz Medley—Intro: The Rose Of Tralee; All Alone (Berlin); By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates).... Eddie Carroll with String Bass.
Monologue—Yorkshire Pudding (Weston & Lee)....Stanley Holloway with Piano.
Vocal & Piano—Yesterday's Dreams (from film "Gasbags"); Down Ev'ry Street (Noel — Pelosi) .... "Hutch" (L. A. Hutchinson).
Theremin & Piano—Lover Come Back To Me (from "New Moon"); Dancing With Tears In My Eyes (Dubin)....Lennington Shewell with Piano.
Vocal—You Do Something To Me (Cole Porter); You Go To My Head (Coots, Gillespie) .... Marlene Dietrich with Orchestra.
Humorous—The Lodger ("Thanking You" — Greatrex Newman) .... Greatrex Newman presents "The Fol-De-Rols".
Vocal—Bluebird of Happiness (Heyman—Harmati) .... John Charles Thomas (Baritone) with Orchestra.
9.48-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Al Bollington at the Organ. Medley of Serenades—Intro: Frasquita (Lehar); Serenade (Heykens); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade ("Student Prince" —Romberg).
Escapada—A Mexican Elopement (Phillips).
Speak To Me Of Love (Lenoir).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—A Programme of Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—London—"Britain To-day." Discussion.
11.15 p.m.—Closing down.

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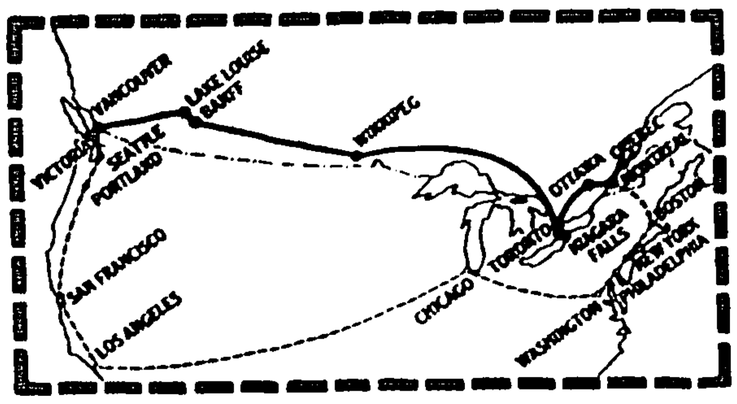

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GERMAN AGENTS STILL POURING INTO IRAN

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Cairo)

ALTHOUGH THE Soviet and British missions in Teheran have acted energetically and on parallel lines, in an effort to bring home to Iran the menace of Nazi penetration, it is not yet clear that the Iranian Government appreciates fully the dangers of the situation.

For instance, according to reliable but unofficial reports, the Iranian Government have compared the total numbers of Germans and Britons in the country without taking into account the fact that the Britons are mainly old residents employed in oilfields and like work.

The Germans are mostly recent arrivals of well-known Fifth Column stamp.

The Soviet Government, engaged in a life and death struggle with the Nazi regime, has made it plain to Iran that it refuses to tolerate any weakening of Iranian neutrality which would permit Fifth Column activity in the rear of its armies.

The British have been no less positive. It is hoped the Iranian Government will heed these friendly but earnest warnings and give evidence of its goodwill by expelling Nazi agents.

Some Disquiet

These agents are plotting as much against the Shah himself as against Allied interests in the Middle East.

During the last few days, however, more Germans have been reported on their way to Iran.

The situation must therefore be considered as still giving rise to some disquiet.—Reuter.

No Fresh Developments

There are no fresh developments in Iran as the result of the present international situation.

The Teheran newspapers emphasise Iran's neutrality in all circumstances, and they also strongly deny recent foreign press and radio reports on the subject of German experts and tourists arriving in Iran.

The Government claims that all foreigners are under strict control and their activities and profession are known to the police. Consequently there is no danger, potential or otherwise, to the State from their activities.

Commenting on Mr. Anthony Eden's recent speech in the Commons, the newspapers point out that Iran to-day is not the same Iran of 1914-1918, and therefore the warning is out of place.—Reuter.

GERMAN WAR DRIVE

GERMANY IS CONSCRIPTING NOT ONLY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN, BUT ALSO BOYS AND GIRLS IN THEIR EARLY TEENS; FOR MUNITION FACTORIES.

The Lisbon correspondent of the "Daily Express" says: "During the summer holidays, High School children will be drafted into factories to perform repetitive tasks for a token payment.

"The Nazis are using even Jewish men and women for a more productive war drive, resulting in a slackening of anti-Semitic propaganda. The Jews, however, are getting only two-thirds of the money paid to Aryans."

U.S. WOMEN RAID VICTIMS

The American Ambulance Corps suffered their first fatalities when two drivers, Mrs. M. Butler and Mrs. H. M. Richardson, were killed recently in a night raid.

Mrs. Butler joined the Service in October.

THE FREE FRENCH AT SEA

There are two and a half times as many Free Frenchmen serving in the Free French Navy as a year ago. The number and gross tonnage of the ships they man is more than a quarter of the total merchant navy of France.

These facts were stated by Colonel Llewellin, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport, opening a hostel at Cardiff yesterday for officers and seamen of Free French merchant navy.

Col. Llewellin added the ships were not "tucked" away in harbour like so many of the German and Italian ships but were sailing the Atlantic—not in safe routes immune from submarines or air attack.

"Famous liners like the Ile de France have carried and are carrying British, Imperial and Free French troops to different theatres of war.

Cargo ships are carrying munitions and other supplies to this country. They have had their losses as we have had ours. The men who man them are playing their part in the Battle of the Atlantic as willing comrades of the men of our own merchant navy."—British Wireless.

SUGAR RAMP STOPPED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"To protect the American public against rampant speculation in sugar," Mr. Leon Henderson, Price Controller, yesterday fixed a ceiling price of 3.5 cents a lb. for standard grade raw duty-paid sugar.

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EMPIRE AIR FORCE EXPANSION

The steadily mounting strength of the Dominions is reflected in recent news of Australian and South African air programmes.

Australia's export of aeroplanes in 1942 will exceed £12,000,000 in value with a total production value of £20,000,000, according to Mr. John Storey, Commissioner for Aircraft Production.

A large percentage of aircraft produced will be Beaufort medium torpedo bombers, fastest of their type in the world.

The opening of additional schools is enabling a constantly increasing number of Australian airmen to be trained in their own country. Ground crews are now trained entirely in Australia.

One-fifth of the pilots and a quarter of the air-gunners, observers and wireless operators still finish training in Canada under the air training scheme and some are sent to Rhodesia but these proportions are growing less.

Speaking at the coming of age of the South African Air Force on Monday, General Smuts said South Africa, which started the war with an air force of only one squadron and a total of 1,500 pilots and mechanics, to-day has over 2,000 pilots and additional personnel of at least 25,000 of which 3,000 are women.

In cooperation with the British Government, South Africa is building up a far more powerful air force which will involve a total of 50,000 men and women.—British Wireless.

HESITANT STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was inclined to hesitate awaiting Japanese and Ukraine developments but leading industrials continued a good feature especially tobaccos. Shippings were also firm yesterday, with P. and O. 9d higher at 27/6. Gilt-edged occasionally were a shade lower and home rails, oils, rubbers and tins easier. Kaffirs were idle and slightly reactionary but Japanese bonds rallied. Brazilians were also higher while Argentine rails continued firm.—Reuter.

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RECREIO BOWLS CHANGES FOR THE COMING WEEK-END

ALL FOUR OF CLUB DE RECREIO'S TEAMS IN THE LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE WILL BE ENGAGED THIS WEEK-END, AND THOUGH ONLY TWO CHANGES ARE NOTED IN THEIR FIRST DIVISION "A" TEAM, THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER IN THE OTHER COMBINATIONS.

J. F. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves will have the same "A" rinks as last week, but R. F. Luz will return to the side as skip in the third rink, displacing A. P. Guterres, who will return to the "B" team. Luz will lead Soares, C. M. Silva and F. V. V. Ribeiro. Last week Guterres led Soares, Silva, C. G. Silva.

Their "B" match against K.C.C. last week was postponed, and for the game this Saturday, against Police, Guterres will have the same rink as on August 2, when they played Craigengower. J. J. Basto will have C. H. Basto as No. 2 and L. J. Silva at No. 3 in place of O. P. Remedios and C. H. Basto. The third rink will again be skipped by E. Souza, who will have A. F. Noronha, who played No. 2 to him on August 2, as lead with O. P. Remedios coming into the No. 2 berth.

Pereira's New Rink

In Second Division A. P. Pereira, who led Roza, Sequeira and Soares last week, will have Osmund, Alves and Alarcon in his side this time, while Soares takes over a rink from M. A. Carvalho, with Rosario, Barros and Alves as his front men. The rink for Carvalho was the same, excepting that H. R. Pinna was at No. 3. C. C. Pereira will have a new team this Saturday, comprising Barros, Xavier and Remedios. Last week he led Cunha, C. P. Basto and F. Xavier.

Most changes are noted in the Third Division team. Mendonca will have G. A Pinna and M. A. Guterres as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, instead of Campos and E. A R. Alves, the latter going to the No. 3 position to Yvanovich to replace G. Guterres. Cunha, lead to C C Pereira in Second Division last week, will be Yvanovich's No. 1 in place of Almeida, while E. Alarcon will replace A. M. Silva at No. 2 in this rink.

In the third rink M. F. Pinna will skip instead of E. Alarcon, who goes over to Yvanovich's rink as No. 2. Pinna will have as his front men G. A Pinna, F. P. Sequeira and A. A. Roza, as against Alarcon's last week's rink of Ferreira, Alves and G. Guterres.

Orem Skipping

Police are making a few changes, including one in the skips' positions, for their First Division match this week against Recreio "B". Orem will take over the rink led by Post and will have Hollands as his No. 3 instead of Nolan, normal No. 3 to Post, though the two first men remain the same.

Post will be No. 2 to Fender, and Forrest, who played in this position last week, will move down to No. 3, the place then occupied by Perkins. Shepherd's four remain intact.

In Third Division the rinks led by Aitken and Carey will not be altered, but Soutar will be lead to Macdonald in place of Headridge, while Nolan comes down from the First Division team to displace McHardy at No. 3. Headridge and McHardy being amongst the reserves for this fixture.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

CLUB DE RECREIO.

First Division "A" (v Indian R.C., home):—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier and J. F. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Soares, C. M. Silva, F. V. V. Ribeiro and R. F. Luz (skip); F. M. Silva, C. Roza-Pereira, J. E. Noronha and H. A. Alves (skip).

First Division "B" (v Police R.C., home):—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, L. J. Silva and J. J. Basto (skip); A. F. Noronha, O. P. Remedios, J. C. Remedios and E. Souza (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. M. Guterres (skip).

Second Division (v Craigengower C.C., away):—A. J. Osmund, C. M. S. Alves, M. Alarcon, A. P. Pereira (skip); L. A. Rosario, A. V. Barros, H. R. Pinna and J. R. Soares (skip); E. L. Barros, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (skip).

Third Division (v Indian R.C., away):—E. Cunha, E. Alarcon, G. Guterres and P. A. Yvanovich (skip); G. A. Pinna, F. P. Sequeira, A. A. Roza and M. F. Pinna (skip); R. Campos, E. A. R. Alves, H. M. Xavier and M. Mendonca (skip).

POLICE R.C.

First Division (v Club de Recreio "B", Away):—W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. Shepherd (skip); C. H. Gough, E. G. Post, J. M. Forrest and J. C. S. Fender (skip); W. Cameron, C. Pile, W. E. Hollands and J. Orem (skip).

Third Division (v Craigengower C.C. Home):—J. E. Hayward, J. S. Riddell, J. R. MacWalter and J. C. Aitken (skip); L. C. Pennell, A. J. Johnson, F. E. Channing and A. E. Carey (skip); A. Soutar, W. M. Smith, F. Nolan and J. W. Macdonald, (skip). Reserves:—J. Headridge, G. Davis, W. MacHardy, G. E. Willerton and H. B. Dewar.

Mr. C. T. Ferguson, a famous athlete for many years, died at St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney, recently at the age of 65. He was a field games exponent, and won many State championships and competitions. Joining the South Sydney Club in 1900, he became hon. treasurer, and later transferred to the Police Club. He was one of the organisers of the first Police and Firemen's carnival in 1912. For some years he was chairman of the Amateur Athletic Association council.

SUMMER HOCKEY SERIES

Following so closely the report that the football grounds at Lyemun are being returfed, the news that the authorities at Stanley are contemplating putting the cricket pitch in good condition would indicate that the Artillery are catering for sport in a big way this year.

Apart from looking ahead, making preparations for the Winter season, those responsible for the "Sports Orders" at Stanley have drafted a "summer hockey programme" for the Indian troops, games to be played in the evenings. The tournament will start shortly, and eight teams have entered, with the promise of some really excellent games as the standard of hockey amongst the Indian troops here is considered to be above Club average.

Last Saturday, at Shek-o, Alec Pearce, former Hong Kong Interport cricket captain, had his first game of tennis since his operation for appendicitis. He was playing in the Tennis League yesterday.

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Rowing Meeting This Evening

By "Incog."

At a committee meeting of Rowing Section, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, to be held this evening, the date for the annual meeting will be fixed.

Present indications are that the programme for the next rowing season will be very much on the lines of that for last season, with four rowing regattas off Middle Island as the outstanding events of the year.

In conversation yesterday one of the members of the Rowing Section deplored the lack of interest in rowing amongst the other clubs in the Colony, remarking that it was a great pity that Victoria Recreation Club, who once took such a prominent part in this form of sport, have allowed interest in it to be relegated so much into the background as to make rowing almost non-existent at V.R.C. today.

Efforts will be made to stir up enough interest amongst members of the Volunteers, it is understood, as to make Inter-Unit competitions possible, and as not a few members of V.R.C. are also in the Volunteers, a revival in rowing at this club may be brought about in this manner.

ST. LEGER HOPES AT LANARK

Lord Rosebery's Ptolemy, which is considered to have a good outsider's chance in the St. Leger, will have a stiff test when it participates in the historic "Silver Bell," one of England's oldest turf events at Lanark next Saturday.

The "Silver Bell" is said to have been started by William the Lion of Scotland over 700 years ago and has been included in all Lanark programmes since.

Other St. Leger candidates entered include Turkana, which finished second in the Oaks, and Camperdown, which finished seventh in the Derby.

Little Business

The first call-over on the St. Leger, which will be run on September 6, attracted little interest and there was practically no business.

The Derby winner, Owen Tudor, was offered at 9 to 2 and was the favourite, but was not supported. Only four horses, Devonian, Chateau la Rose, Royalist and Bakhtawar excited medium or minor wagers.

Devonian finished up second favourite at 15 to 2, Chateau la Rose 9—1, while Royalist and Bakhtawar were both quoted at 100 to 7.

Call-Over

Following is the latest call-over at Victoria Club:

Owen Tudor 9-2, o; 15/2 t.
Devonian 8/1 o, 9/1 t.
Chateau la Rose 11/1 o, 100/9 t.
Mazarin 100 to 7.
Sun Castle 100-7 o.
Dancing Time 100-7 o.
Orthodox 100/7 o.
Royalist 100-6 t and o.
Bakhtawar 100-6 t and o.
Thoroughfare 18-1.
Firozedin 18/1.
Starwort 20/1.
Ptolemy 25-1.
Lambert Simnel 25/1.
Fettes 33/1.
Camperdown 40-1.
Turkana 40-1.
Sollum 40/1.
Royal Academy, Cuerfley and Felous all offered.—Reuter.

ENGLISH FORUM AQUATIC RESULTS

Following are the results of Hong Kong English Forum's swimming gala at Chinese Bankers' Recreation Club yesterday.

Men's 50 Yards Free-Style:—1, Au Leung-wah; 2, Cheung Kwok-leung; 3, Ng Chung-wah. Time: .38 2/5 secs.

Ladies' 25 Yards Free-Style:—1, Miss Grace Chang; 2, Miss Amy Ho. Time: 24 secs.

Men's 100 Yards Breast-Stroke:—1, Au Leung-wah; 2, Norman Lee; 3, Robert Chan. Time: 1 min. 35 3/5 secs.

Ladies' 50 Yards Breast-Stroke:—1, Miss Amy Ho; 2, Miss Grace Chang. Time: 59 secs.

100 Yards Free-Style Mixed Relay:—1, Miss Amy Ho, Cheung Kwok-leung, Ng Chung-wah and Chan; 2, Miss Grace Chan, Au Leung-wah, Norman Lee and David Lo. Time: 1 min. 21-2/5 secs.

Men's 200 Yards Free-Style:—1, Au Leung-wah; 2, Cheung Kwok-leung. Time: 3 mins 35 secs.

ARMY WATER-POLO SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the Large Units Water-Polo Knock-out Competition were decided in the Army Pool yesterday, when Royal Scots beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., by 3 goals to 1 and Signals beat Middlesex 2—1.

Millar, Byrne and Laws scored for Royals and Molyneaux for the Gunners.

In the other match goal-scorers were Dignan (2) for Signals and Hymas (Middlesex).

European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Committee will meet this evening at 6.30 in the West Lounge, when the remainder of the season's programme will be

SHANGHAI AQUATIC PROSPECTS

The Shanghai swimming championship season opens with the A.S.F. gala on Saturday, August 16, and interest in Shanghai aquatic circles now centres on the four events scheduled for this occasion—the men's 220 Yards free-style, the men's 100 Yards breast-stroke, the ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke and the ladies' 50 Yards back-stroke, writes the "North China Daily News."

Although the absence of Jackie Lumsdaine, the sensational young swimmer who shattered all local back-stroke records during the past two seasons, and the retirement of such veterans as Archie Logan and Louie Oliveira, will be keenly felt this year, it is confidently expected that Shanghai's younger blood will keep the colours of the sport flying high as in the past.

Breast-Stroke Certainty

In the absence of Dick Hall—whose record-breaking performances in the breast-stroke matched those of Jackie Lumsdaine — Alex Grebenschikoff should be a certainty to win the 100 Yards breast-stroke event. One or two Chinese swimmers, however, are expected to give him stiff competition, while Jackie Dodd of the Rowing Club is another strong contender for premier honours.

The men's 220 Yards free-style is a very open affair this year. Charles Huang has now returned to Hong Kong and unless some now star has risen on the local swimming horizon in the meantime, it would appear that the race is anybody's meat.

Lady Stars

In the two ladies' events—the 50 Yards breast-stroke and 50 Yards back-stroke—the Misses Jill Peach and Doreen Gray are last year's record-breakers and should be favoured to establish further marks.

The A.S.F. Gala will be followed by the French Club Gala on Saturday, August 23, the Rowing Club Gala on Saturday, August 30, and the Foreign "Y" Gala on Saturday, September 6.

TO-DAY'S AQUATICS

Royal Corps of Signals are holding a swimming gala this afternoon at the Army Pool, commencing at 3 p.m.

It is understood that a number of useful cricketers will be coming up from Malaya to join Hong Kong University when it re-opens after the Summer vacation. No names are thus far available, but one of the undergraduates now resident at University states that he has received news to the effect that three or four really good players will be coming.

LEACH'S RECORD FOR THE FASTEST 50 STILL STANDS

Shanghai Cricket Club's Wanderers, and their other team, in Shanghai Cricket League, Stragglers, share top place in the League Tables at the moment, each having secured maximum points for five matches. Recreation Club's Tyros are third, having lost two games in five, while Police, Recs' Colts and Parsees, in that order, are the other teams in the competition.

A. V. T. Dean, Stragglers, who scored 102 retired against Police last week, obtained his first 50 in 60 minutes and the second 50 in exactly half that time.

Donald Leach, who scored 62 for Wanderers against Recs' Colts, holds the record for the fastest 50 of the season so far, his 70 not out recently against Parsees including 50 in only 38 minutes. It should be noted that the second fifty in any innings does not count in the race for the Cup for the fastest 50 in League Cricket.

Following are the best feats in the League to date:

A. V. T. Dean ..... 102 retd.
(First 50 in 60 mins, second 50 in 30 mins.)
D. W. Leach ..... 70 not out
(First 50 scored in 38 mins.)
B. B. Boddy 74
F. A. Pitts 73
D. W. Leach 62
F. R. Kermani 59
M. J. Divecha 59
H. P. Madar 59
J. T. Allin 58
A. F. Gomba 55
A. C. Sinclair ..... 51 not out
(Second 50 does not count in Cup race)

BOWLING

G. B. Elliot ..... 8 for 18
A. Bolsseree ..... 7 for 16
F. R. Kermani ..... 7 for 19
B. B. Boddy ..... 7 for 44
F. R. Kermani ..... 7 for 33
J. C. Jenkins ..... 6 for 37
M. Barma ..... 6 for 41
P. Madar ..... 6 for 73
H. E. Orr ..... 6 for 21
G. B. Elliot ..... 5 for 44
S. E. Shroff ..... 5 for 55
N. Hart-Baker ..... 5 for 27
J. C. Jenkins ..... 5 for 12

Qualification:—Batting scores of 50 and over; Bowling five wickets and over.

Dave Crowley knocked out Tony Ryan (Glasgow) in the third round at High Wycombe recently.

GUEST AND SMITH UPSET CHINESE R.C. IN TENNIS LEAGUE

ARMY TENNIS CLUB PROVIDED THE BIGGEST SURPRISE IN YESTERDAY'S PROGRAMME OF LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE GAMES WHEN THEY HELD CHINESE RECREATION CLUB TO A DRAW IN SECOND DIVISION AT CAUSEWAY BAY, DUE TO CAPT. GUEST AND SGT. SMITH, WHO WON ALL THEIR GAMES.

Chinese Recreation Club at last made a start in First Division when they beat Hong Kong Cricket Club easily. Civil Service registered their first points when they beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2, while in Fourth Division Craigengower Cricket Club maintained their challenge to South China by defeating Kowloon Indians.

Post Office Recreation Club easily accounted for Central British Association. The First Division game between University and Club de Recreio was postponed.

FIRST DIVISION

C.R.C. Win

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2 in First Division of Lawn Tennis League.

Lee Wai-tong and Y. C. Iu (C.R.C.) beat Lieut S Goodman and T J. Gould 6-1
lost to L Goldman and T C Monaghan 5-7
beat G W Sewell and D M MacDougall 7-5
K. L. Ho and Y. Y. Lam (C.R.C.) beat Goodman and Gould 6-4
beat Goldman and Monaghan 6-3
lost to Sewell and MacDougall 3-6
O. L. Pang and K. C. Ng (C.R.C.) beat Goodman and Gould 6-1
beat Goldman and Monaghan 6-1
beat Sewell and MacDougall 6-2

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	A.	Pts.
I.R.C.	2	2	0	0	11	7	4
Recreio	3	2	1	0	16	11	4
S.C.A.A.	1	1	0	0	6	3	2
C.R.C.	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
K.C.C.	2	1	1	0	12	5	2
H.K.U.T.C.	1	0	1	0	3	6	0
H.K.C.C.	4	0	4	0	10	24	0

SECOND DIVISION

Civil Service's First Points

At Cox's Road Civil Service Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 7 sets to 2 in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League.

F. Grose and N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.) lost to I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall 5—7
lost to B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner 4—6
beat C. Sloan and M. Yatskin 6—4
B. G. Baker and A. Gillard (K.C.C.) lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 2—6
beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6—4
lost to Sloan and Yatskin 4—6
E. Zimmern and A. Zimmern (K.C.C.) lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 1—6
lost to Agafuroff and Skinner 4—6
lost to Sloan and Yatskin 2—6

C.R.C. Held

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club drew with Army Tennis Club in Second Division of Lawn Tennis League.

D. C. Luk and L. J. Hon (C.R.C.) lost to Capt. Guest and Sgt. Smith 4—6
beat Capt. Hyde and Lieut. T. A. Pearce 6—0
beat Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Denyer 6—3
S. W. Liang and K. T. Lai (C.R.C.) lost to Guest and Smith 5—7
beat Hyde and Pearce 6—1
beat Megson and Denyer 6—2
H. N. Chau and C. Wai (C.R.C.) lost to Guest and Smith 2—6
drew with Hyde and Pearce 6—6
lost to Megson and Denyer 1—6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	25	2	6
C.R.C.	3	2	0	1	19	8	5
K.T.G.C.A.	4	2	2	0	17½	18½	4
K.C.C.	3	1	2	0	8½	13½	2
C.S.C.C.	4	1	3	0	11	25	2
A.T.C.	3	0	2	1	9	18	1

FOURTH DIVISION

Clean Sweep For C.C.C.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 9 sets to nil in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League.

Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.) beat Y. J. Khan and C. M. Khan 6—3
beat A. H. Mehal and I. M. Ismail 6—0
beat K. Singh and N. Singh 6—1
T. K. Lin and M. C. Hung (C.C.C.) beat Khan and Khan 6—1
beat Mehal and Ismail 6—0
beat Singh and Singh 6—2
J. Wong and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.) beat Khan and Khan 6—0
beat Mehal and Ismail 6—1
beat Singh and Singh 6—2

P.O.R.C.'s Easy Win

At Caroline Hill, Post Office Recreation Club (1) beat Central British Association by 8 sets to 1 in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League.

J. Howlett and W. Morrison (P.O.R.C.) drew with B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert 6—6
beat D Smith and D. Tomoshevsky 6—1
beat N. Smith and N. Whitley 6—4
J. Macpherson and A. Leonard (P.O.R.C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6—2
beat Smith and Tomoshevsky 6—3
beat Smith and Whitley 6—2
S. S. Chin and S. K. Chiu (P.O.R.C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6—1
drew with Smith and Tomoshevsky 6—6
beat Smith and Whitley 6—2

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9	9	0	0	68½	14½	18
C.C.C.	9	8	1	0	64½	16½	16
C.R.C.	8	7	1	0	51½	20½	14
F.C.	10	7	3	0	58	29	14
A.T.C.	8	3	4	1	35½	35½	7
I.R.C.	8	3	4	1	27½	44½	7
P.O.R.C. (1)	9	3	6	0	31	50	6
C.B.A.	7	2	5	0	23½	36½	4
J.R.C.	8	1	7	0	23	49	2
P.O.R.C. (2)	8	1	7	0	14	58	2
K.I.T.C.	9	0	9	0	7½	73½	0

TENNIS WIN FOR SIGNALS

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Corps of Signals beat 5th A.A. Royal Artillery by 2 games to 1 in "B" Division of the Army Tennis League.

Brakenberry and Rogers (R.C.S.) beat Lieut. Clague and Savage 6—4, 6—4.

Love and Coombe (R.C.S.) lost to Pidgeon and Kirby 3—6, 4—6.

Gorman and Sayers (R.C.S.) beat Manly and Martin 6—0, 6—1.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	33	29	4	29
12th R.A.	30	27	3	27
R.A.M.C. "A"	30	24	6	24
R.A.M.C. "B"	33	24	9	24
36th, R.A.	33	21	12	21
R.A.O.C.	33	18	15	18
5th A.A., R.A.	30	15	15	15
R.E.	33	14	19	14
Middlesex	27	12	15	12
R. Signals	30	12	18	12
24th R.A.	33	12	21	12
R.A.S.C.	27	6	21	6
965th R.A.	36	6	30	6
R.A.P.C.	33	3	30	3

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following are to-day's Tennis League fixtures:—

First Division: — H.K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.; C.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

Third Division: — C.D.R. v. S.C.A.A.; A.T.C. v. I.R.C.; K.T.G.C.A. v. K.I.T.C.; K.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2); C.R.C. (1) v. C.C.C.

TENNIS MATCH POSTPONED

Due to Volunteer duties etc., it has been mutually agreed between Indian R.C. and Kowloon C.C. to postpone their "A" Division League Tennis fixture, arranged for this afternoon, until next week, Tuesday, August 19, having been provisionally fixed as the date.

Hong Kong Cricket Club now find it inconvenient to play off their League fixtures on Tuesdays, and have therefore re-arranged the remainder of their programme for Wednesdays with the clubs concerned.

W. A. Stewart, well-known golfer, had his first game yesterday, at Deep Water Bay, since he left hospital.

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E. L. Strange, Hon. Secretary of Hong Kong Football Club, and also a member of that club's lawn bowls team, is at present in hospital with ear trouble.

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W. E. Hollands, former First Division Police skip, who has not played lawn bowls this season, due to illness, will be seen in action for the first time this season when he will be No. 3 to J. Orem in First Division against Recreio "B" on Saturday.

FRESH ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE FOOTBALL KNOWLEDGE IN H.K.

WHILE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HAVE NOT BEEN IDLE PREPARING FOR THE COMING SOCCER SEASON, FOOTBALL REFEREES HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING THEIR SHARE AND HAVE ARRANGED A VERY ATTRACTIVE SERIES OF TALKS BY PERSONS CONNECTED WITH LOCAL FOOTBALL.

Referees' Association are fortunate in having such an energetic and conscientious committee, who have brought the Association to its present flourishing state.

Two seasons ago the monthly meetings were badly attended, but in recent years the interest among referees has been maintained even during the close season.

There is no obligation on the part of any referee to join the Association, but everywhere soccer is played referees are advised to form themselves into bodies so that uniform interpretation of the Laws of the Game may be had and the less experienced officials benefit by association with older members.

Whilst several seasons ago there was apathy on the part of a number of referees joining the Association, to-day all registered referees, with one or two exceptions, are members and the benefit to football is reflected in the better control of the games last season.

Instructional Classes

Referees' Association are starting instructional classes shortly and will welcome anyone interested in soccer at these meetings. The committee issue a particular invitation to Chinese players to attend, for they feel that with a better knowledge of the Laws of the Game there will follow less infringements and unnecessary appeals during a game.

The Chinese members of the Association are hoping to use the medium of the Chinese Press for a series of articles on the finer points of the game, in the hope that the public will be better able to understand the decisions of referees.

While the Hong Kong public is, on the whole, a well-behaved one there have been occasions in the past when ugly situations threatened among the spectators owing to ignorance of the rules.

It has even been suggested by a Chinese member that leaflets on the Laws of the Game be distributed to all affiliated clubs in the hope that a better knowledge of the rules will so be imparted to the public.

Laneford Meeting

Several referees are willing to give up their spare time giving talks to players if necessary, and Laneford, one of the new clubs affiliated to the Association, are holding a meeting shortly when Mr. H. A. Beard, chairman of Referees' Association, will lecture on the game.

When schools re-open it is hoped that lectures will be arranged at the different schools, Chinese members concentrating on the vernacular schools.

This is an ambitious scheme but if it is carried through successfully it will do untold good for local soccer.

The first class for soccer referees will be held on Monday, at Scandal Point Hall, and Lieut. Crossby will be the lecturer.

Hong Kong Football Referees' Association are holding a committee meeting on Thursday at Hotel Cecil at 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Trojans and Chinese Y.M.C.A. are scheduled to meet South China and National University respectively in the Open Basketball League at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening.

PATERSON MASTERS TANNER

Jackie Paterson, British and Empire fly-weight champion, beat Kid Tanner, British Guiana, in the second round at Shawfield Park, Glasgow, recently. This was his third victory over Tanner.

The towel came in from Tanner's corner when he was hanging helplessly over the ropes.

Only the bell saved Tanner in the first round, when he was down for a count of seven.

He had to be assisted to his corner and was still feeling the effects of the blow in the second round when Paterson punched him unmercifully.

Easier Golf

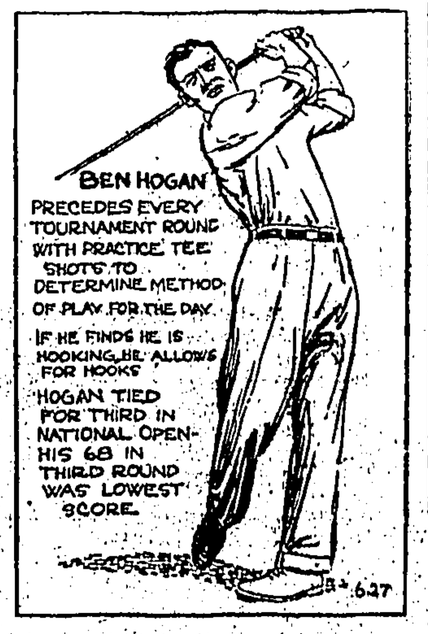
VALUE OF WARMING-UP

By Best Ball

Ben Hogan, leading money winner so far this year, among the pros, has adopted a rather unique method of preparing for each tournament round. Like other golfers, Hogan uses the practice tee to warm up before actual competition but in addition he employs the knowledge gained in this preliminary practice to decide his system of play for that particular day. Ben is particularly subject to hooking on occasions and when he discovers he is committing this fault in practice, he knows he will very likely be doing it the rest of the day. As a guard against running into too much trouble as a result, he makes allowances for this factor, during the ensuing round.

Though on the slight side in build, Hogan is one of the longer drivers making full use of his poundage by a full backswing and wide arc. His 68 in the National Open was the lowest round of the tournament, a sensational score when one takes into consideration the narrow fairways at the Colonial Club which made hazardous going for one with a tendency to hook.

Next Article:—Fast Swinging.



VALLEY GOLF RESULTS

Following are the results, to date, in the Second Summer Foursomes, at Happy Valley Golf Course:—

J. M. Thomson and N. J. Booker beat A. McKellar and F. Hillon, 7 and 6;

T. B. Low and R. K. Collings beat L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys, 3 and 1;

G. E. Willerton and T. J. Price, received a walk-over from D. Wass and J. W. Macdonald;

H. H. Mundy and W. Stoker beat J. A. D. Morrison and F. D. Hunter, 1 up.

MASSED BAND CONCERT

in aid of BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

The Massed Bands of The Royal Scots and of The Middlesex Regiments will give a Concert in aid of the above Fund on the ground of the Hong Kong Cricket Club at 9.30 p.m. on SATURDAY, 23rd August.

Everyone attending is asked to buy a programme with badge from the Lady Programme Sellers either on the ground or beforehand.

Tables may be reserved at a charge of $1.00 per person on application and payment to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. I. E. Roberts, Messrs. Thomson & Co., Hong Kong Bank Building.

Refreshments, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, will be served throughout the Concert, the proceeds of which will go almost entirely to the Fund

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New Fighters Appear In Action

FLYING ACROSS BELGIUM AND GERMANY, SOMETIMES LESS THAN 100 FEET FROM THE GROUND, SIX SQUADRONS OF BLENHEIM BOMBERS BOMBED TWO GREAT COLOGNE POWER STATIONS AT POINT-BLANK RANGE IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE'S BIGGEST EVER DAYTIME RAID ON GERMANY YESTERDAY.

It was the highlight of a series of operations which began early in the morning and lasted until late in the day, including waves of fighter-bomber sorties and fighter sweeps over Northern Europe.

Later, Flying Fortresses struck again at Cologne, Emden and at an airfield at de Kooy.

The new tactics in the Blenheim's attack were to send long-range fighters, including Whirlwinds, as far as Antwerp with them.

Then the bombers went on alone on the 150-mile thrust into the German defence system, but on their return the fighters re-joined them at Antwerp and covered their withdrawal.

Meanwhile a strong fighter force patrolled the Dutch coast. Twenty aircraft, comprising 12 Blenheims and eight fighters were lost.

The Whirlwind fighter is one of the best-kept secrets of the war. This is believed to be the first time it has taken part in operations.

It is still on the secret list, but some time ago an American journal stated that its twin Rolls-Royce engines develop a speed of over 400 m.p.h.

Other American reports suggested it is superior to the latest Spitfire.

A striking feature of yesterday's raid is that the raiders flew in formation instead of in ones and twos.—Reuter.

GERMAN TANKS ROUTED

"During the night of August 11 our troops continued fighting in the directions of Kexholm, Solsti, Smolensk and Uman," says a Soviet communique.

"Cooperating with the land troops our air forces struck blows at enemy infantry and mechanised units on the battlefields and at his aircraft on their aerodromes.

"There were no major operations in other directions or sectors."

A large German tank column has been routed in the direction of Korosten by the combined operations of Soviet tanks, aeroplanes, artillery and infantry units.

Fifty German tanks and two A.A. batteries were destroyed.—Reuter.

Japan's Softened Mood

The decision to grant exemption from the application of the regulations freezing assets to all nations on a reciprocal basis was announced yesterday by the Japanese Finance Ministry.

Exemptions will depend upon the treatment of Japanese nationals where the freezing order is being enforced.

Such concessions were granted a week ago to such individuals as the British Ambassador, the Australian Minister and the Acting Canadian Minister and members of their diplomatic corps.

Concessions have also been granted certain British firms in Japan found to be completely controlled by Japanese nationals.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Latest reports from the Queen Mary Hospital this afternoon disclosed that L. Bdr. Harry William Buckingham was still not out of danger, his condition having not changed. The remainder were described as being in a "fair condition."

Besides Buckingham, those still detained in hospital are:—H. G. H. Lander, D. H. C. Taylor, W. N. Brown, W. P. Clemow, F. T. Henningsen, J. B. Pomeroy, and J. R. Carr. L. Bdr. Roscoe, in the Military Hospital, was said to have improved.

UKRAINE ADVANCE CHECKED

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troyed four enemy torpedo-boats and two enemy transports on August 11." — Reuter.

Severe Fighting

With the Germans and Finns pounding the Russian lines 70 miles north of Leningrad, Stalin's Defence Committee yesterday admitted severe fighting in the Ukraine.

The Russians, though not minimising the gravity of the situation round Odessa, claim the routing of a large German tank column by tanks, 'planes, artillery and infantry in the direction of Korosten.

The Russians are reported in Moscow circles to be holding on all fronts, and Marshal Budenny, it is understood, is making a firm stand along the Bug, holding up the German drive on Odessa.

Meanwhile Russian women warriors are participating in guerilla warfare, according to a German panzer officer in the Smolensk area.

Women In Action

This officer says women are carrying on guerilla activity often with children on their back. They wear uniform and have been trained in regular barracks, but when the barracks are searched all that is found is lipstick and powder.

Most of the women are car-drivers but some are special shock troops, he reported.

German claims continue as usual. Odessa, according to Berlin, is surrounded and its fall is expected "at any moment," while the remainder of the rich country around the Dnieper is claimed to be practically in German hands, "with the remnants of Russian divisions struggling vainly to break out of our iron rings."

The Germans claim they have reached the Black Sea coast at an unspecified point, though unofficially this is stated to be Nikolaiev harbour, a shipping point for grain.—International News Service.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK MANIFESTO

"JAPAN'S CHANCE for opportunist aggression is gone and her so-called Continental Policy and Oceanic Policy have vanished like bubbles," declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a manifesto on the fourth anniversary of the Shanghai hostilities today.

"Aroused by Japan's ruthless designs for the invasion of French Indo-China and the menace to Thailand," he said, "Britain, the United States, and the Netherlands East Indies have jointly made adequate preparations. Economic pressure against Japan has been applied and joint military defence adopted.

"Meanwhile, though occupied with fighting on the western front, Soviet Russia has never relaxed her vigilance in the Far East.

"Therefore, though Japan is ambitious for southward expansion, she is now confronted with the joint defence of the countries in the South Seas and her Navy is no match for the British and American Navies. As to northward expansion, with her Army bogged down in China's quagmire she dare not throw in whatever strength and resources she has left for the risk."

However, Generalissimo Chiang reminded, the inordinate ambition of the Japanese militarists is to the conquer the world.

In their scheme, the conquest of East Asia and the domination of the Pacific form only stages to that final goal.

The Mukden Incident in 1931 and the Shanghai attack in 1937 may be aptly described as the beginning of Japan's aggression in China, and in Asia and the Pacific respectively.

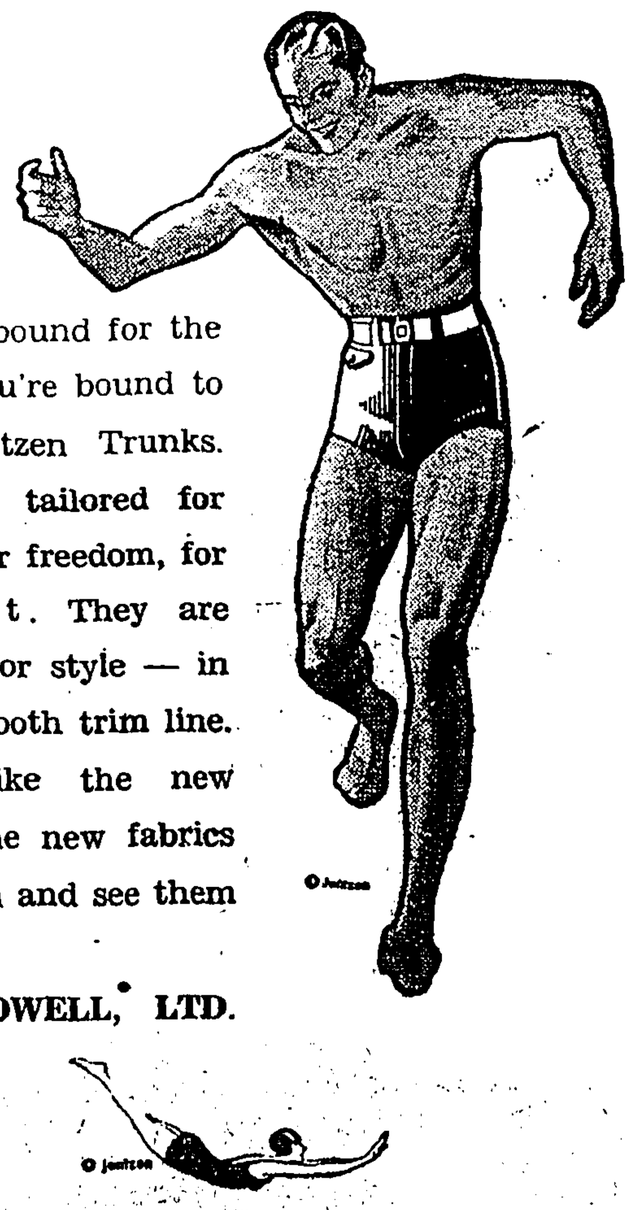
For Four Years

For more than four years China has been fighting against the Far Eastern aggressor single-handed and only now sees the beginning of joint sanctions against Japan by friendly Powers.

Declaring that China's resistance has now entered the stage of the "defence of the Pacific," Generalissimo Chiang called upon his fellow-countrymen to tighten their efforts for the final victory which he claimed was not far in the future.

He predicted that Japan would tighten economic exploitation in the "occupied" areas since she was now in greater economic difficulties following the application of economic sanctions by the anti-aggression Powers, and Generalissimo Chiang urged all Chinese, especially those in Shanghai, to resist Japanese seizure of materials, refuse to buy their goods and economic exploitation with an try in every way to frustrate undaunted spirit.

Such actions was necessary for co-ordinating China's efforts with the economic sanctions enforced by the friendly Powers and hastening the collapse of the enemy. The value of such efforts against economic penetration was in no way inferior to that of battling on the front.—Central News.



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